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FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FORESTS MAKING CHANGES TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE VISITORS' EXPERIENCE

Klamath Falls Ore. – In order for the Fremont-Winema National Forests to continue to maintain a high quality recreation experience, visitors can expect changes in recreation sites and cabin rental fees effective April 1, 2009. The Forest plans to increase fees at three campgrounds and five recreation rental cabins/lookouts, as well as starting to charge fees at ten campgrounds.

“The new fee structure will help offset the increase costs of improving and maintaining campgrounds and rental cabins/lookouts,” said Rich Kehr, Forest Staff Officer for the Fremont-Winema National Forests. “Recreation use on the Forest has been increasing over the years, but many of our facilities were built 30 to 60 years ago and are reaching the end of their useful life.”

Eighty percent of the funds collected at recreation sites remain on the Fremont-Winema National Forests to help fund much needed maintenance improvements. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment and public comment.

The updated fee structure is one of several outcomes from the Recreation Facility Analysis (RFA) process that the Forest completed this spring. “The RFA guided the Forest through the evaluation of 85 developed recreation sites, including campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, Sno-Parks, horse camps, cabin/lookouts, boat/swim/fish areas and interpretative and observation sites,” said Kehr.

Through the RFA process, and with public input, the Forest developed a “program of work” outlining the future management of these sites over the next five years. This local process reflects a national effort to better manage and improve the quality of developed recreation sites across the entire National Forest system. “Our goal is to create a recreation program that meets the needs and expectations of our visitors,” said Kehr.

More information on the updated fee structure and recreation sites can be obtained at any of the Fremont-Winema National Forests Ranger Districts or on the Forest Web site at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/frewin/rfa/index.shtml>

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NEW PROPOSED FEES BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2009

\$40 Per Night to Rent
• Aspen Cabin
• Bald Butte Lookout
• Carrier Guard Station
• Drake Peak Lookout
• Hager Mountain Lookout
\$12 Per Campsite plus \$5 for an Extra Vehicle
• Digit Point Campground
\$10 Per Campsite plus \$4 for an Extra Vehicle
• Williamson River Campground
• East Bay Campground
\$6 Per Campsite plus \$2 for an Extra Vehicle
• Campbell Lake Campground
• Dead Horse Lake Campground
• Cottonwood Recreation Area
• Dog Lake Campground
• Lofton Reservoir Campground
• Marster Spring Campground
• Silver Creek Marsh Campground and Trailhead
• Thompson Reservoir Campground
\$6 Per Campsite plus \$5 to Use Dump Station
• Walt Haring Snow Park