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# News Release

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## Flathead National Forest Seeks Comments on Proposed Fee for the Anna Creek Rental Cabin

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**KALISPELL, MT., December 11, 2015** – The Hungry Horse Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest is proposing to add the Anna Creek Work Station to the Forest’s cabin rental program for a fee of \$75 per night. The Anna Creek Work Station is located on the west shore of the Hungry Horse Reservoir near numerous recreation opportunities such as hiking, biking, OHV riding, water-based recreation, huckleberry picking, hunting, snowmobiling and firewood gathering. The prospective 1400 sq. ft. rental has three rooms and can sleep 10-15 people. The cabin will have propane lights, heat, stove and refrigerator as well as basic dishes, utensils and cooking pots and pans. Visitors will need to provide bedding, water, and other personal effects.

The cabin would have two separate seasons: June 1 to October 31 and December 1 to March 31. In the summer and early fall, the cabin offers easy access to the Hungry Horse Reservoir for water-based recreation activities. In the winter and early spring, the cabin offers access to winter recreation activities. While the road will not be plowed in the winter, people can access by snowmobile, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. There is also potential for the cabin to be used during a portion of the fall hunting season. Options would be provided for storage of game meat in a bear-resistant manner and all garbage would be required to be packed out.

In 2004, Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act which allows the Forest Service to retain 95 percent of fees collected at certain recreation sites and use these funds locally to operate, maintain and improve these sites. An analysis of nearby similar cabins indicates that is in alignment with other offerings. This fee proposal will be presented before the Western Montana Bureau of Land Management Recreation Resource Advisory Committee.

Submit comments or concerns about the fee proposal by January 15, 2016. Email comments to, [comments-northern-flathead-hungry-horse-glacier-view@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-flathead-hungry-horse-glacier-view@fs.fed.us) and include "Anna Creek Cabin" in the subject line or mail comments to 10 Hungry Horse Drive, Hungry Horse, MT 59919, attention Chris Prew. For more information, contact Chris Prew, Recreation Staff on the Hungry Horse – Glacier View Ranger District at (406) 387-3800.

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