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Dear Prospective Applicant:

The Los Padres National Forest (LPF) is soliciting proposals from interested parties for a concession campground special use permit (SUP) to provide high-quality public service in the operation and maintenance of government-owned recreation facilities located on the LPF. The new SUP will replace six expiring permits.

One SUP will be issued for 36 developed recreation sites located on all five ranger districts of the LPF. Additionally, the LPF encourages applicants to include any or all of thirteen optional sites. Consideration will be given in the evaluation of proposals if these sites are included in the applicant's package.

The SUP will be issued for the following sites:

Monterey Range District: Arroyo Seco family and group campground, Arroyo Seco Day Use Area, Botcher's Gap Campground, Kirk Creek Campground, Nacimiento Campground, Plaskett Creek Family and Group Campground, Ponderosa Campground, Mill Creek Day Use Area, Pfeiffer Beach Day Use Area, Sand Dollar Day Use Area.

Optional sites: China Camp Campground, White Oaks Campground, Escondido Campground, Memorial Park Campground.

Santa Lucia Ranger District: Cerro Alto Campground, Davy Brown Campground, Figueroa Campground, Nira Campground.

Optional sites: La Panza Campground, Navajo Flat Campground/OHV Staging Area, Turkey Flat OHV Staging Area/Day Use.

Santa Barbara Ranger District: Fremont Campground, Los Prietos Campground, Paradise Campground, Sage Hill Group Campground, Upper Oso Campground, Falls Day Use Area, First Crossing Day Use Area, Live Oak Day Use Area, Lower Oso Day Use Area, Red Rock Day Use Area, Sandstone Day Use Area, White Rock Day Use Area, Red Rock Trailhead.

Ojai Ranger District: Wheeler Gorge Recreation Area, Holiday Group Campground, Wheeler Gorge Campground.

Optional sites: Pine Mountain Recreation Area, Pine Mountain Campground, Reyes Peak Campground, Middle Lion Campground, Rose Valley Campground.

Mt. Pinos Ranger District: Ballinger Campground, McGill Family and Group Campground, Mt. Pinos Campground, Reyes Creek Campground.

Optional sites: Campo Alto Campground, Chuchupate Campground.



The Forest will likely complete the application evaluation and make a selection in July 2016, with the intention of the successful applicant beginning operations in November 2016.

All prospective applicants are advised to read the prospectus carefully. All applicants must submit a written application that must include the information listed under section IV Application. Applicants must submit four (4) complete copies of their application package and supporting documents. Applicants also must submit two (2) additional copies of their business plan for review by a Small Business Development Center. Applications must be in sealed envelopes, and signed by an authorizing officer of the organization or individual submitting the application. Applications must be received by close of business (4:30 p.m. PST) on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. Please mail completed proposals to:

Forest Supervisor  
Los Padres National Forest  
Attention: Jeff Bensen  
5750 Navigator Way, Suite 150  
Goleta, California 93117

Applications submitted in response to this prospectus are subject to cost recovery pursuant to 36 CFR 251.58 (c)(1)(ii) and (c)(3)(iii). Applicants must submit the processing fee required by the prospectus to cover costs of the application package review. Payments due to the United States for this application must be paid in the form of bank draft, money order, or cashier's check payable to the *USDA-Forest Service*. Separate payment for the business plan review should be made out to *El Camino College Foundation* and be in the form of bank draft, money order, or cashier's check. Payments must be enclosed in the application package.

The selected applicant may be responsible for the costs of preparing and issuing the permit and will be required to undergo a Financial Ability Determination (FAD), unless the Forest Service has conducted a FAD for the applicant within the past year. If a FAD has been completed for the applicant within the last 12 months, the applicant will be responsible for the cost of adjusting it to reflect any change this selection may have on the applicant's financial ability. The prospectus is available electronically on the Forest website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf/>. Site visits to each facility are scheduled during the week of May 2, 2016. Please visit the LPF website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf/> to see the site tour schedule. RSVP is required to by calling Jeff Bensen, Assistant Forest Recreation Officer at 805-961-5744.

For specific questions regarding information contained in the prospectus, please contact Jeff Bensen, Assistant Forest Recreation Officer at 805-961-5744.

Thank you for your interest in the LPF.  
Sincerely,



ROBERT BAIRD  
Forest Supervisor