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## **I. Business Opportunity**

### **A. Introduction**

This prospectus is being issued to solicit applications for a concession campground special use permit. A permit or permits to provide high-quality public service in the operation and maintenance of Government-owned recreation facilities located on the Bass Lake Ranger District and High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra NF (NF), will be issued. The permit or permits will include 2 permit areas and include the following developed sites<sup>1</sup>:

#### **Permit Area #1**

##### **Bass Lake Complex**

- A. Forks Campground
- B. Lupine/Cedar Campground
- C. Spring Cove Campground
- D. Wishon Point Campground
- E. Recreation Point Group Campground
- F. Crane Valley Group Campground
- G. Little Denver Church and Denver Church Picnic Areas
- H. Pine Slope Picnic Area
- I. Rocky Point Picnic Area
- J. Pine Point Picnic Area
- K. Falls Beach Picnic Area
- L. Recreation Point Group Picnic Area
- M. Lakeside Picnic Area
- N. Wishon Boat Launch Parking
- O. Willow Creek Trail Head
- P. R. V. Dump Station
- Q. Bass Lake Recreation Area Office (administrative office/store)

##### **Merced River Canyon Complex**

- A. Indian Flat Day Use Area
- B. McClendon Beach Day Use
- C. Cranberry Boat Launch Day Use
- D. Redbud Day Use
- E. Dry Gulch Campground
- F. Dirt Flat Campground

##### **Upper Bass Lake Complex**

- A. Summerdale Campground
- B. Westfall Picnic Area
- C. Chilkoot Campground
- D. Grey's Mountain Campground
- E. Soquel Campground
- F. Texas Flat Group Campground
- G. Kelty Meadow Campground
- H. Fresno Dome Campground

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<sup>1</sup> Developed sites include overnight camping and day-use areas (i.e. picnic areas, picnic sites, and boat launch facilities).

- I. Big Sandy Campground
- J. Fish Creek Campground
- K. Rock Creek Campground
- L. Soda Springs Campground
- M. Placer Campground
- N. Sweetwater Campground
- O. Mammoth Pool Campground
- P. Lower Chiquito Campground
- Q. Upper Chiquito Campground
- R. Whiskers Campground
- S. Gags Campground

#### Permit Area #2

##### Shaver Lake Complex

- A. Swanson Meadow Campground
- B. Dorabelle Campground and Picnic Site

##### Huntington Lake Complex

- A. Rancheria Campground
- B. College Campground
- C. Deer Creek Campground
- D. Kinnikinnick Campground
- E. Catavee Campground
- F. Upper Billy Creek Campground
- G. Lower Billy Creek Campground
- H. Badger Flat Campground
- I. Badger Flat Group Campground
- J. Midge Creek Group Campground
- K. Eastwood Visitor Information Site (administrative office/store location)
- L. Bear Cove Picnic Area
- M. Billy Creek Picnic Area
- N. Dowville Picnic Area
- O. Huntington Lake Boat Launch Parking

##### High Sierra Complex

- A. Jackass Meadow Campground
- B. Vermillion Campground
- C. Portal Forebay Campground
- D. Mono Hot Springs Campground
- E. Mono Creek Campground
- F. Ward Lake Campground
- G. Florence Lake Area

##### Dinkey Creek Complex

- H. Dinkey Creek Campground
- I. Dinkey Creek Group Site Campground
- J. Trails End Picnic Area
- K. Gigantea Campground

#### L. Buck Meadow Campground

The authorized officer for this business opportunity is the Forest Supervisor for the Sierra NF, 1600 Tollhouse Rd Clovis, CA 93611.

The current permit for this concession expires on December 31, 2017. Over the past three years, this concession has generated the following gross revenues:

**Table I.A.:** Gross revenue for the past three years

Year	Gross Revenue
2016	\$1,905,137.26
2015	\$1,764,996.65
2014	\$1,929,727.18

#### B. Area Description

The Sierra NF is located in central California in the San Joaquin Valley, on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The forest lies between Yosemite National Park on the north and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park on the south.

Recreation sites being offered in this prospectus are campgrounds (fee and previously non-fee), picnic areas, trailheads, boat launches and overlooks. These recreation sites are distributed along State Highways and Forest developed roads. These sites are at elevations ranging from 1,500 feet to over 8,200 feet.

The Sierra NF provides year-round recreational opportunities due to the area's mild climate. The major season of use is from mid-May through October 30. The major recreation activities in the summer and fall are driving for pleasure, camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, horseback riding, hiking, viewing wildlife, off-highway vehicle trail riding, and hunting.

Temperatures during the summer range from the upper 90's to 100's in the lower elevations and from the 80's to 90's in the higher elevations during the day. Nighttime temperatures range from the upper 50's to 60's in the lower elevations and from the upper 30's to 40's in the higher elevations. July thru October are typically hot and dry months in the lower elevations, with many of the higher elevations experiencing occasional afternoon thunderstorms.

In late October temperatures in the higher elevations average 60°, with lows at night in the 30's and 40's. Frost and snow in the higher elevations can occur any time after mid-October. The Forest receives its greatest precipitation in the form of snow. When high elevation campgrounds open will be based on snow conditions.

#### C. Description of Developed Recreation Sites and Facilities

The following is a description of each developed recreation site included in this prospectus (*see* Appendix 2 of the prospectus).

Permit Area # 1 is described as those facilities north of the San Joaquin River to the Merced River. Permit Area #2 is described as those facilities south of the San Joaquin River to the Kings River.

## **Permit Area #1**

### **BASS LAKE COMPLEX**

The Bass Lake Recreation Complex is located approximately seven miles southeast of Oakhurst, California on Madera County Road 222 and 5 miles southeast of State Highway 41. The Complex is approximately 16 miles from the south entrance to Yosemite National Park. All roads are paved.

Elevation of the area is approximately 3,300 feet above sea level. Weather is typical for the Sierra Nevada. Summer day time temperatures are in the 90s. Summer thunderstorms occur occasionally. Snow may be found in the campgrounds and day use areas between November and early April. Occasional snowstorms occur into May.

Most users come from the San Joaquin Valley and the Los Angeles Basin. Activities include camping, fishing, swimming, boating, water skiing and picnicking. Facilities in the Bass Lake Recreation Complex include: four campgrounds, two group campgrounds, one group day use area, 10 day use areas, one amphitheater, one dump station and one office.

The four campgrounds: Forks, Lupine/Cedar, Spring Cove, and Wishon Point, consist of 176 single campsites, 31 double campsites and eight quad campsites. There are flush and portable toilets in the complex. Sewage is handled via a sewage treatment facility for the flush toilet buildings. The concessionaire will be required to pay Madera County a usage fee.

Water is provided by two water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply. The concessionaire will be required to pay the annual cost of operating and maintaining these systems.

The nearest public (pay) telephones are located at the Bass Lake Visitor Center, The Forks Resort, and Miller's Landing Resort. A trailer sanitary dump station is located 0.1 miles from the campground near The Forks Resort intersection. There is no fee for the service. The trailer dump station is operated by Madera County and is part of this permit.

Recreation use is heaviest at Bass Lake from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Some use occurs year round, but is extremely light during the winter months. Spring vacation can bring increased use depending on weather conditions. The managed season is yearlong.

The area known as the Bass Lake Complex includes: Bass Lake Recreation Office, Wishon Boat Launch Parking, Little Denver Church Picnic, Denver Church Picnic, Forks Campground, Lupine/Cedar Campground, Spring Cove Campground, Wishon Point Campground, Pine Slope Picnic, Rocky Point Picnic, Pine Point Picnic Area, Falls Beach Picnic Area, Recreation Point Group Picnic Area, Recreation Point Group Campground, Crane Valley Group Campground, Lakeside Picnic, R.V. Dump Station, and Willow Creek Trailhead.

### **Forks Campground**

This campground consists of 31 single campsites with 28 of the sites able to be reserved. The campground has water and flush toilets.

### **Lupine/Cedar Campground**

This campground has 51 single campsites, 15 double sites (individual tables and stoves), and eight quad campsites. The campground has water and flush toilets.

### **Spring Cove Campground**

This campground has 62 single campsites. The campground has water and flush toilets.



### **Wishon Point Campground**

This campground has 31 single campsites, and 16 double sites. The campground has water and flush toilets.

### **Recreation Point Group Campground**

This campground has four quad sites: Knoll, Acorn, Scout, and Lagoon. The campground has water and flush toilets. The campground includes a 200 person capacity amphitheater available for use by groups at this campground by separate reservation.

### **Crane Valley Group Campground**

This campground has two double sites and five quad sites. The campground is not supplied with water. Water is located 300 feet from the campground entrance by a faucet at the Bass Lake Visitor Office.

### **Little Denver Church and Denver Church Picnic Areas**

Little Denver Church has seven sites and Denver Church has 27 sites. Both day use areas have 36 parking spurs total. Both areas have flush toilets available and water faucets and have lakeside access.

### **Pine Slope Picnic Area**

This day use area has a paved parking area for 11 vehicles with 10 ADA Accessible picnic sites. The site has water and flush toilets. There is lakeside access and is located next to one of the two (2) designated Jet Ski areas on the lake.

### **Rocky Point Picnic Area**

This day use area has a dirt parking area, which is undefined, for eight vehicles. Some of the day use areas are a short walk from the parking area. The picnic site has water and flush toilets. There is lakeside access.

### **Pine Point Picnic Area**

This day use area has a paved parking area for 11 vehicles. The site has water and flush toilets. The day use sites are about 25 yards from the parking area and are set in a low area making walking to the water more difficult than at other sites. There is lakeside access.

### **The Falls Picnic Area**

This day use area is located on the north shore of the lake. It has a paved parking area for 25 vehicles. The site has water and flush toilets. There is an additional paved parking area for Willow Creek TH located across the street.

### **Recreation Point Group Picnic Area**

This group day use area has three group sites, South Park, Oak Point and The Cove. Each site contains group size cook stoves with grills, serving tables and long group size tables. The site has water and flush toilets. This area has lakeside access.

### **Lakeside Picnic Area**

This day use area has a paved parking area for 24 vehicles. All sites are ADA accessible with a 200 person amphitheater. The picnic area has water and flush toilets. There is lakeside access.

### **Wishon Boat Launch Parking**

This area is located at the very end of the south shore at the dam. There is a paved 105 site boat trailer/vehicle parking area and two boat launch ramps separated by a floating wooden boat dock. There are flush toilets and lakeside access.

### **Bass Lake Recreation Office**

This facility consists of an office building with accompanying parking lot, bathrooms, pay telephone, information signing and other facilities. The building houses administrative offices for the concessionaire and an area for issuing camping permits. It is located at the north end of the recreation complex on Road 222. A fee will be charged for use of this facility.

## **MERCED RIVER CANYON AREA**

This complex begins at the confluence of the South Fork of the Merced and the Merced River along Highway 140 to Red Bud Day Use Site at Forest Bridge then around to and down Incline Road and on to McClendon Beach.

Elevation of the area is approximately 1,500 feet above sea level. The managed use season is typically February 15 to November 31 with the heaviest use occurring from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Use is often common in April. Users come from all areas due to visitors predominately traveling to and from Yosemite National Park. Activities in the area include camping, fishing, rafting, swimming and sightseeing.

Summers are hot and dry with temperatures in the canyon reaching 100 degrees and the spring and fall are generally mild. Vegetation of the area is of the foothill and riparian types.

### **Indian Flat Day Use**

The site is a day use site. There is no water available. The site includes approximately 10 picnic sites and a raft put-in for the users of the Merced River.

### **Redbud Day Use/Picnic**

Located on the south side of the Merced River. Amenities include: six picnic sites with tables, vault toilets and water is available.

### **Cranberry Launch Day Use/Picnic**

Located on the north side of the Merced River. Amenities include river access with steps, six picnic sites with tables, vault toilets and water is available.

### **McClendon Beach Day Use/Picnic**

The last site located on the north side of the Merced River. Amenities include six picnic sites with accessible picnic tables and vault toilets. No water is available.

### **Dry Gulch Campground**

This campground sits on the north side of the Merced River. The small camp features four walk-in tent sites on the river, shaded by a grove of pine and oak trees. The campground has a vault toilet, bear boxes.

### **Dirt Flat Campground**

This campground is situated on the north side of the Merced River. This small camp features five walk-in tent sites on the river. There is a vault toilet and water is available. The remote locations of the site makes for a quiet and peaceful camping experience. The campsites at Dirt Flat meet accessibility standards and offer picnic tables, grills and fire rings.

## **Upper Bass Lake Complex**

Elevation is approximately 5,000 feet above sea level. The managed use season is the first week of May to October 1. Summer weather is typical for the Sierra's. High temperatures are in the 80's and there are occasional summer thunderstorms. Snow may be present in April, early May and November and may delay opening dates.

Users come from all areas as visitors are predominately traveling to and from Yosemite National Park. Activities in the area include camping, fishing, hiking and sightseeing. The area allows for a more rustic experience with less amenities such as no water plumbing in most sites. OHV use is commonly found in the area as well. There is plenty of open space between campgrounds allowing more opportunities to explore the more natural settings.

There are no flush toilets. All toilets located within the campgrounds are either CXT concrete vaults or portable toilets. Sewage is handled via a local sewage disposal company that services the portable toilets as needed and the CXTs once a year.

If water is available, it is provided by Forest Service wells. The Concessionaire will be required to pay the annual cost of operating and maintaining these systems.

Recreation use is heaviest at Upper Bass Lake Complex from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Some use occurs year round, but is lighter during the winter months due to inaccessibility by weather. Spring vacation can bring increased use depending on weather conditions. The managed season is yearlong as weather conditions allow.

The area known as the Upper Bass Lake Complex includes all higher elevation areas outside of the Bass Lake basin: Summerdale Campground, Westfall Picnic Area, Chilkoot Campground, Grey's Mountain Campground, Soquel and Soquel Overflow Campground, Texas Flat Group Campground, Kelty Meadow Campground, Fresno Dome Campground, Big Sandy Campground, Fish Creek Campground, Rock Creek Campground, Soda Springs Campground, Placer Campground, Sweetwater Campground, Mammoth Pool Campground, Mammoth Pool Boat Launch Parking, Lower Chiquito Campground, Upper Chiquito Campground, Whiskers Campground, Gags Campground.

### **Summerdale Campground**

This site is located approximately 10 miles north of Oakhurst, California, along State Highway 41. The campground is near the town of Fish Camp and 1/2 mile from the south entrance to Yosemite National Park. Summerdale has 30 single sites (one site is a campground host site). A total of 21 single car spurs are available and nine car trailer spurs. All roads and spurs are paved. There are vault toilets and potable water.

### **Westfall Picnic Area**

Located 14 miles north of Oakhurst on Highway 41 at 4,700 feet elevation, this picnic area has a dirt parking lot and a vault toilet. The managed season is from the second week of May- October 1.

### **Chilkoot Campground**

Located four miles north of Bass Lake on the Beasore Road at 4,600 feet elevation, this campground has 14 campsites. This campground is serviced by vault toilets. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Grey's Mountain Campground**

Located eight miles north of Bass Lake via the Beasore Road at 5,400 feet elevation, this campground has 27 campsites. This campground is serviced with vault and trailer toilets. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Soquel Campground**

Located nine miles north of Bass Lake via Sky Ranch Road at 5,400 feet elevation, this campground has 12 campsites. The campground is serviced with vault toilets. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Soquel Overflow Campground**

Located eight miles north of Bass Lake via Sky Ranch Road 5,400 feet elevation, this campground has no designated campsites, no tables, no fire rings. This campground is serviced with a trailer toilet. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30. This campground is utilized only when Soquel Campground is full.

### **Texas Flat Group Campground**

Located 13 miles north of Bass Lake via Sky Ranch Road. At 5,400 feet elevation, this campground has four group campsites. This campground is serviced with vault toilets. The managed season is May 1-September 30.

### **Kelty Meadow Campground**

Located 10 miles north of Bass Lake via Sky Ranch Road at 5,800 feet elevation, this campground has six single campsites and four double campsites. The campground has horse hitching rails and is serviced with vault toilets. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Fresno Dome Campground**

Located 12 miles north of Bass Lake via Sky Ranch Road at 6,400 feet elevation, this campground has 17 single campsites. This campground is serviced with vault toilets. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Big Sandy Campground**

Located 14 miles north of Bass Lake via Sky Ranch Road at 5,800 feet elevation, this campground has 22 campsites. This campground is serviced with vault toilets. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Fish Creek Campground**

This campground has seven single drive in and walk-in sites. Each of the single campsites have a graded parking spur, wooden table and fire ring with grill. The walk-in units each have a wooden table, fire ring, grill and central parking for about four cars. The campground is serviced with vault toilets. The campground is split by Fish Creek with the single campsites on the north side of the creek and walk-ins on the south side. The campground is located on FR 8. The managed season is the third week of May- September 30.

### **Rock Creek Campground**

This campground has 13 single sites and five double sites. The sites have a paved parking spur. The multiple units each have a paved parking spur for four cars. The campground has three paved loops straddling Rock Creek. The creek is planted with fish throughout the summer when water temperatures are cool. The water system is supplied by an artesian well drilled in 1992. It is located approximately one mile north of the campground. The campground is located on Forest Road (FR) 81. The campground is serviced with a vault toilets. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Soda Springs Campground**

This campground consists of a total of 18 sites. 14 single sites with graded spurs and four double sites that do not have defined parking but are defined by a wooden table and concrete fire place or rock fire ring. The campground is serviced with vault toilets. The campground is located approximately 100 yards from the West Fork of Chiquito Creek. There is no water system. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Placer Campground**

This campground has seven single campsites. Parking spurs are not defined. The campground is serviced with a vault toilet. There is a fee station with fee tube in place. The campground is located ½ mile off of FR 25. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Sweetwater Campground**

This campground has 10 single sites with graded parking spurs. The campground consists of a single paved loop adjacent to Chiquito Creek. The campground is serviced with a vault toilet. The campground is located on FR 25. The managed season is the third week of May- September 30.

### **Mammoth Pool Campground**

This campground has 47 single sites, each has a paved parking spur. There are two paved loops. The campground is serviced with vault toilets. The water system is supplied by a well with an electric pump. There is a 10,000 gallon storage tank. There is one fee station with tube. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Mammoth Pool Boat Launch Parking**

The boat launch consists of a graded/oiled parking area for 100 car/trailers and a concrete launching ramp. There is a vault toilet. A day use fee may be charged for parking. The ramp is closed May 1 to June 16 to allow for deer migration on Mammoth Pool Reservoir.

### **Lower Chiquito Campground**

This campground has seven single sites with graded parking spurs. The campground is serviced with a vault toilet. The campground is located along Chiquito Creek on FR 6501. There is no water system. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Upper Chiquito Campground**

There are 20 single sites in this campground that are defined by past use. The campground is serviced with vault toilets. The campground is located along the East Fork of Chiquito Creek on FR 7. There is no water system. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Whiskers Campground**

There are eight single sites in the campground. The campground is serviced with vault toilets. There is no water system. The campground is located on FR 6542. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

### **Gaggs Campground**

This campground has 12 single sites. The campground is serviced with vault toilets. There is no water system. The campground is located ¼ mile from FR 6S42. The managed season is the third week of May-September 30.

## **Permit Area #2**

### **SHAYER LAKE COMPLEX**

This complex includes two (2) fee campgrounds and a fee use picnic area. These sites are located adjacent to the town of Shaver Lake, CA and four miles east on the Dinkey Creek Road. Access is via State Highway 168 to Shaver Lake. All access roads are paved. The elevation is approximately 5,400 ft.

#### **Swanson Meadow Campground**

Located four miles east of Shaver Lake on the Dinkey Creek Road. This campground has six single campsites and three double campsites. It is serviced by two vault toilets. The road is paved and no potable water is available. Managed season is mid-May to mid-Oct.

#### **Dorabelle Campground and Picnic Site**

Located at the end of Dorabella Road in the town of Shaver Lake on the shores of Shaver Lake. This campground has 17 single tent-only campsites, two double tent-only campsites, 38 single RV campsites, and four double RV campsites. It is serviced by seven two-seat vault toilets. It has its own well and pump house for potable water. Dorabelle Picnic Site, located within the campground along the shore of Shaver Lake, has 10 single picnic sites and four double picnic sites, has parking for approximately 29 vehicles and is serviced by two two-seat vault toilets. The roads and spurs are paved in both the campground and picnic area. The managed season is mid-May through mid-October.

### **HUNTINGTON LAKE COMPLEX**

This complex includes eight fee campgrounds, two group campgrounds, three picnic areas, two overflow areas, visitor information site and one day use boat launch with a parking fee.

Huntington Lake is located two hours east of Fresno, CA via State Highway 168 at an elevation of approximately 7,000 feet. Most sites are located along the shore of Huntington Lake on County Road No. 2710. The roads in these campgrounds are paved and the spurs are paved or decomposed granite. Badger Flat Campground, Badger Flat Group Campground and Midge Creek Group Campground are located east of Huntington Lake on the Kaiser Pass Road 5S80. The roads and spurs in these campgrounds are all dirt. The managed season is mid-May to end of October. Heaviest use is in July and August. Typically campgrounds are open Memorial Day weekend depending on the snow conditions. Overnight freezing is possible early and late in the season.

#### **Rancheria Campground**

This campground has 55 single tent-only campsites, three double tent-only campsites, 58 single RV campsites, five double RV campsites, three group sites and two host sites. It is serviced by seven two-seat flush toilets and eight two-seat vault toilets. The water system is shared with the Forest Service Kokanee Work Center.

#### **College Campground**

This campground has eight single tent-only campsites and two double tent-only campsites. It is serviced by one flush and one vault two-seat toilets. Water is provided by the Deer Creek water system.

#### **Deer Creek Campground**

This campground has 23 single RV campsites and four double RV campsites. It is serviced by one four-seat flush restroom. Water is provided by the Deer Creek water system.

### **Kinnikinnick Campground**

This campground has 18 single RV campsites and seven double RV campsites. It is serviced by one four-seat flush restroom. Water is provided by the Deer Creek water system.

### **Catavee Campground**

This campground has 23 single RV campsites and one double campsite. It is serviced by one four-seat flush restroom. The Deer Creek water system is located here and contains one (1) 35,000 gallon tank, well and pump house.

### **Upper Billy Creek Campground**

This campground has 33 single campsites, three double campsites and one group sites. It is serviced by flush and vault toilets. It has its own water system with well and pump house, which also supplies water to Lower Billy Creek Campground.

### **Lower Billy Creek Campground**

This campground has eight single RV campsites and two double RV campsites. It is serviced by a two two-seat vault toilet. Water is supplied by the Billy Creek water system.

### **Badger Flat Campground**

This campground has 15 single campsites and is serviced by three two-seat vault toilets. It has no potable water.

### **Badger Flat Group Campground**

This campground has room for 100 people and 35 vehicles at one time. It is serviced by 2 two-seat vault toilets. There is no potable water. This campground is administered as one unit.

### **Midge Creek Group Campground**

This campground has room for 100 people at one time. It is serviced by portable toilets. There is no potable water. This campground is administered as two units.

### **Eastwood Visitor Information Site (administrative office/store)**

A paved parking lot for approximately 15 vehicles and is serviced by two vault toilets. Non-potable water is available. A trailer pad will be made available for administration of operations and retail store. This site is scheduled to be reconstructed in the near future.

### **Bear Cove Picnic Area**

This picnic area includes 18 picnic sites and has parking for approximately 17 vehicles. It is serviced by four vault toilets, two of which are aerated. Water is provide from the Deer Creek water system.

### **Billy Creek Picnic**

This picnic area includes three single picnic sites and two double picnic sites and has parking for approximately 10 vehicles. It is serviced by one two-seat vault toilet. Water is supplied by the Billy Creek water system.

### **Dowville Picnic Area**

This picnic area includes four single picnic sites and one double picnic site and has parking for approximately nine vehicles. It is serviced by one two-seat vault toilet.

### **Huntington Lake Boat Launch Parking (Fee for parking)**

The boat launch parking underwent construction in 1998 and 1999. It has parking for 56 vehicles and an additional 40 vehicles with trailers. It is served by one four-seat flush and two two-seat vault toilets. Water is supplied by the Deer Creek water system.

## **HIGH SIERRA COMPLEX**

This complex includes six campgrounds and one picnic area.

These sites are located on the Kaiser Pass Road (5S80) and the Florence Lake Road (7S01) east of Huntington Lake. Elevations range from 6,500 feet to 7,600 feet. The Kaiser Pass Road is a narrow, winding, steep one lane road that climbs over Kaiser Pass, elevation 9,175 feet. There is two-way traffic with turnouts for passing. Large motorhomes, trailers or buses are not recommended. The managed use season is usually mid-May to mid-October. Heavy snow could present problems for early opening and overnight freezing temperatures are possible in the early and late season.

### **Jackass Meadow Campground**

Located 25 ½ miles east of Huntington Lake, ½ mile east of Florence Lake Road (7S01) on the South Fork of the San Joaquin River, below Florence Dam. This campground has 34 single RV campsites and six double RV campsites. It is serviced by two four-seat vault toilets, a water treatment plant building and its own water system. There is a 0.7 mile fully accessible nature trail on the east side of the campground. All campground roads and spurs are paved. This campground may experience early season flooding. This site is scheduled for reconstruction in the near future.

### **Vermilion Campground**

Located 25 miles east of Huntington Lake on the Kaiser Pass Road (5S80) at Lake Thomas A. Edison. This campground has 30 single campsites, ideal for tents and small RVs. It is serviced by five two-seat vault toilets. Water is supplied from the Mono Creek Trailhead. The main road in the campground is paved but the parking spurs are not.

### **Portal Forebay Campground**

Located 14 miles east of Huntington Lake on the Kaiser Pass Road (5S80). This campground has eight single campsites and three double campsites. It is serviced by two two-seat vault toilets. It is not paved and has no potable water.

### **Mono Hot Springs Campground**

Located 18 ½ miles east of Huntington Lake, ½ mile off the Kaiser Pass Road (5S80) on the South Fork of the San Joaquin River. This campground has 18 single car/trailer units, and five double units. It is serviced by three two-seat vault toilets. Water is not available at this site. All the roads and spurs are paved.

### **Mono Creek Campground (Includes picnic area).**

Located 21 ½ miles east of Huntington Lake on the Kaiser Pass Road (5S80). The campground has 12 single car/trailer units and two double units. It is serviced by two four-seat vault toilets. All roads and spurs in the campground are paved. The picnic area is serviced by a one vault toilet. It is not paved and has no potable water.

### **Ward Lake Campground**

Located 21 miles east of Huntington Lake on the Florence Lake Road (7S01). This campground has 17 sites. It is serviced by two two-seat vault toilets. There is no potable water available and the campground is not paved.



### **Florence Lake Area**

Includes the following sites: Florence Lake boat ramp, trailhead, and Florence Lake picnic area. Located 23 ½ miles east of Huntington Lake at the end of the Florence Lake Road (7S01).

The public boat ramp has parking for approximately 75 vehicles and is serviced by a two-seat vault toilet. The trailhead has parking for approximately 100 vehicles and is serviced by a two-seat vault toilet. The picnic area has parking for approximately 25 vehicles and is serviced by one four-seat vault toilet. All sites in the area are served by paved roads. These sites are scheduled for reconstruction in the near future.

### **DINKEY CREEK COMPLEX**

This complex includes 3 campgrounds, 1 group campground, and 3 picnic areas.

Dinkey Creek is located at the end of Dinkey Creek road, approximately 13 miles from the town of Shaver Lake. Dinkey Creek Campground, Dinkey Creek Group, and Trails End Picnic Area are located at the end of Dinkey Creek Road. These sites are managed from Memorial Day weekend to mid-October. The other sites are located along McKinley Grove Road which comes off of Dinkey Creek Road. Gigantea and Buck Meadow Campgrounds are managed from Memorial Day weekend until end of September. Late snows may delay openings. Heaviest use in July and August. Elevation ranges from 5,700 feet to 6,800 feet.

#### **Dinkey Creek Campground**

This site contains 50 single family tent-only campsites, 2 double family tent-only campsites, 68 single family RV campsites and 2 double RV campsites. It is serviced by 9 two-seat flush toilets, 2 four-seat flush toilets and 1 two-seat vault toilets. Water is available at the campground via a spring/storage tank distribution system. Dinkey Creek Campground covers approximately 41 acres. The campground is located along Dinkey Creek and has swimming holes and an amphitheater. The overflow campground associated with this site is to be used once the main campground is full.

#### **Dinkey Fisherman Picnic Area**

This picnic area is immediately adjacent to the Dinkey Creek Campground and is often associated with it; however, members of the public not camping utilize this site for day use. No fee has previously been charged for this site. This site has picnic tables and grills. It is serviced with 1 two-seat vault toilet. It is adjacent to the historic Dinkey Creek Bridge.

#### **Dinkey Creek Group Site**

This site is located in the Dinkey Creek Campground and has a capacity for 50 people. This site is serviced with 1 two-seat vault toilet.

#### **Trails End Picnic Area**

This picnic area is located at the end of Dinkey Creek Campground and has a capacity of 42 people. This site is serviced with 2 vault toilets.

#### **Gigantea Campground**

This campground is located along McKinley Grove Road approximately a half mile from McKinley Grove of Giant Sequoias. It is located at 6,500 feet elevation and occupies 10 acres. There are 10 campsites. The site is serviced with a two-seat vault toilet. There is no potable water available at this campground.

## Buck Meadow Campground

Located at 6,800 feet elevation and occupying 3 acres Buck Meadow campground has a capacity of 54 people. There are 9 campsites. This site is serviced with a two-seat vault toilet. There is no potable water available at this campground.

**Table I.B.: Characteristics of Developed Recreation Sites**

### Permit Area #1 - Bass Lake Complex Campgrounds

Site	Forks Campground	Lupine/Cedar Campground	Spring Cove Campground	Wishon Point Campground	Recreation Point Group Campground	Crane Valley Group Campground
<b>Communications</b>	Cell service available	Cell service available	Cell Service available	Cell service available	Cell service available	Cell service available
<b>Utilities</b>	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.
<b>Drinking Water</b>	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
<b>Toilet Type</b>	Flush toilet (6)  4 seat building  2 - double seat buildings	Flush toilet (20)  5 double seat buildings	Flush toilet (12)  3 quad seat building	Flush toilet (8)  1 quad seat building  2- double seat building	Flush toilet (6)  1- 6 seat building	<b>Porta-toilets (8)</b>
<b>Toilet Vault Capacity</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Forest Service Trash Bins</b>	2 dumpsters	3 dumpsters	6 dumpsters	5 dumpsters	3 dumpsters	3 dumpsters
<b>Trash Bin Type</b>	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof
<b>Elevation</b>	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet
<b>Number of Camping Units</b>	31 single	52 single  15 double	63 single	31 single  16 double	4 sites (Knoll, Acorn, Scout, Lagoon)	7 group units

		8 quad (113 total)		(47 total)		
<b>2015 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>	Single \$28.00 [\$31.08]*	Single \$28.00 [\$31.08]*	Single \$28.00 [\$31.08]*	Single \$28.00 [\$31.08]*	Group - Scout: \$225.00 [\$249.75]*	A: \$142.50 [\$158.18]*
	Double Site: \$56.00 [\$62.16]*	Double Site: \$56.00 [\$62.16]*	Double Site: \$56.00 [\$62.16]*	Double Site: \$56.00 [\$62.16]*	Group - Acorn: \$250.00 [\$277.50]*	B: \$142.50 [\$158.18]*
	Quad Site: \$112.00 [\$124.32]*	Quad Site: \$112.00 [\$124.32]*	Quad Site: \$112.00 [\$124.32]*	Quad Site: \$112.00 [\$124.32]*	Group - Lagoon: \$150.00 [\$166.50]*	C: \$57.00 [\$63.27]*
	\$7 additional vehicle	\$7 additional vehicle	\$7 additional vehicle	\$7 additional vehicle	Group - Knoll: \$150.00 [\$166.50]*	D: \$114.00 [\$126.54]*
						E: \$142.50 [\$159.18]*
<b>2016 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>						F: \$57.00 [\$63.27]*
						G: \$57.00 [\$63.27]*
						\$7.00 Additional Vehicle
<b>2016 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>	\$30 single	\$30 (\$33.30) single	\$30.00 (\$33.30) Single	\$30.00 (\$33.30) single site	Knoll Site- \$150.00 (\$166.50)	A: \$142.50 (\$158.18)
	\$56 double	\$60 (\$66.60) double	\$56.00 (\$62.16) Double	\$60.00 (\$66.60) double site	Lagoon Site- \$150.00 (\$166.50)	B: \$142.50 (\$158.18)
	\$7 additional vehicle	120 (133.20) quad	\$7 additional vehicle.	\$7.00 Additional vehicle fee	Scout Site- \$225.00 (\$249.75)	C: \$57.00 (\$63.27)
		\$7 additional vehicle	During holidays fees increase \$2 per site.		Acorn Site- \$250.00 (\$277.50)	D: \$114.00 (\$126.54)
		During holidays fees increase \$2 per site			All vehicles pay \$7.00 parking fee.	E: 142.50 (\$159.18)
<b>2016 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>						F: \$57.00 (63.27)
						G: \$57.00 (63.27)
						\$7.00 Additional Vehicle

<b>Minimum Operating Season</b>	April – Sept	yearlong	May - Sept	May - Sept	yearlong	yearlong
<b>Accessibility</b>	Yes – 1 toilet	yes	yes			
<b>Tree mortality status</b>	OPEN  2 hazard tree treatments (2016-2017)	OPEN  2 hazard tree treatments (2016-2017)	OPEN  2 hazard tree treatments (2016-2017)	OPEN  2 hazard tree treatments (2016-2017)	OPEN  2 hazard tree treatments and PG&E treatment (2016-2017)	CLOSED  Currently a log storage site. Contract being developed to remove all logs for operations to open for 2018 summer.
<b>Additional Improvements</b>	Scheduled for rehabilitation through Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) licensing.	Scheduled for rehabilitation through FERC licensing.	Scheduled for rehabilitation through FERC licensing.	Scheduled for rehabilitation through FERC licensing.	200 person capacity amphitheater  Scheduled for rehabilitation through FERC licensing.	Scheduled for rehabilitation through FERC licensing.

**Permit Area #1, continued - Bass Lake Complex Picnic Areas**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Little Denver Church and Denver Church Picnic Areas</b>	<b>Pine Slope Picnic Area</b>	<b>Rocky Point Picnic Area</b>	<b>Pine Point Picnic Area</b>	<b>Falls Beach Picnic Area</b>	<b>Recreation Point Group Picnic Area</b>	<b>Lakeside Picnic Area</b>
<b>Communications</b>	Cell Service available	Cell Service available	Cell Service available	Cell Service available	Cell Service available	Cell Service available	Cell Service available
<b>Utilities</b>	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.

Site	Little Denver Church and Denver Church Picnic Areas	Pine Slope Picnic Area	Rocky Point Picnic Area	Pine Point Picnic Area	Falls Beach Picnic Area	Recreation Point Group Picnic Area	Lakeside Picnic Area
		water supply.	water supply.	water supply.			
Drinking Water	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Toilet Type	Flush Toilets (6 seats)	Flush toilets (2 seats)	Flush toilets(4 seats)	Flush toilets (2 seats)	Flush toilets (4 seats)	Flush Toilets (6 seats)	Flush Toilets (2 seats)
Toilet Vault Capacity	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forest Service Trash Bins	1 dumpster	1	1 dumpster	1	2	4 dumpsters	1 dumpsters
Trash Bin Type							
Elevation	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet
Fees	\$3 Little Denver \$5 Denver	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$3	\$7	\$5
Minimum Operating Season	Yearlong	June - September	May - September	June - September	Year long	Year long	Year long
Accessibility	Yes	yes	no	yes	yes	generally flat	
Tree Mortality Status	OPEN Treated in 2016	OPEN No treatments needed.	OPEN PG&E did treatment in 2016.	OPEN Hazards removed 2016. Trees planted spring 2017.	OPEN Treatments completed 2016 by PG&E and currently by FS.	OPEN 2 hazard tree treatments and PG&E treatment (2016-2017)	OPEN

Site	Little Denver Church and Denver Church Picnic Areas	Pine Slope Picnic Area	Rocky Point Picnic Area	Pine Point Picnic Area	Falls Beach Picnic Area	Recreation Point Group Picnic Area	Lakeside Picnic Area
<b>Additional Improvements</b>	36 sites with parking spurs.  Rehabilitation completed under FERC.	Parking area for 7 vehicles, Lakeside access.  Rehabilitation completed under FERC.	Parking for 6 vehicles, Lakeside access.	Parking for 11 vehicles, Lakeside access.  Rehabilitation completed.	Parking for 25 vehicles. Additional parking across the street. 2013 built Gazebo  Rehabilitation completed under FERC.	3 group sites (South Park, Oak Point, and The Cove). Baseball diamond, volleyball area.  Scheduled for rehabilitation through FERC licensing.	Parking Area for 6 vehicles, Lakeside access.  Rehabilitation completed under FERC.

**Permit Area #1, continued - Bass Lake Complex Day Use Areas**

Site	Bass Lake Recreation Area Office	Wishon Boat Launch Parking	R. V. Dump Station	Willow Creek Trail Head
<b>Communications</b>	Telephone line	Cell Service available	Cell service available	Cell Service available
<b>Utilities</b>	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.	Sewage treatment facility.  2 water systems: Forest Service wells and a community water supply.
<b>Drinking Water</b>	yes	no	no	No
<b>Toilet/Shower Type</b>	Flush toilet (2 seats)	Flush toilet (4 seats)	n/a	N/A
<b>Toilet Vault Capacity</b>	N/A	N/A	n/a	N/A
<b>Forest Service Trash Bins</b>	No	1 dumpster	No	1 dumpster

Site	Bass Lake Recreation Area Office	Wishon Boat Launch Parking	R. V. Dump Station	Willow Creek Trail Head
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof
Elevation	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet	3,300 feet
Fees	This is an administrative site for operations and store. Revenue generated is through the selling of approved merchandise.	\$5.00	\$10.00 per use	No fee previously charged.
Minimum Operating Season		Yearlong	Mar-Nov	May-Sept.
Accessibility		Boat launch		
Tree Mortality Status	OPEN 2 treatments completed (2016-2017)	OPEN Treatments completed 2016 and 2017	OPEN 2 treatments completed (2016-2017)	OPEN Treatments completed 2016 by PG&E and currently by FS.
Additional Improvements	Scheduled for rehabilitation through FERC licensing.	2 boat launch ramps, floating wooden boat dock, 105 site parking area.  Scheduled for rehabilitation through FERC licensing.	Maintained by County. Paved road and traffic barriers are responsibility of Concessionaire.	Parking area for 10 vehicles

Permit Area #1, continued

Site	Indian Flat	Summerdale Campground	Westfall Picnic Area	Chilkoot Campground	Grey's Mountain Campground
Communications	Radio	Cell service available	Cell service available	Radio	Radio
Utilities		Piped water			
Drinking Water	No water for day use area, there is a water system for the camp area.	yes	no	no	no

Site	Indian Flat	Summerdale Campground	Westfall Picnic Area	Chilkoot Campground	Grey's Mountain Campground
Toilet/Shower Type	Vault toilet (6 seats)	Vault toilet (4 seats)	Vault toilet (2 seats)	Vault toilet (2 seats)	Vault (2 seats) & trailer portable toilets (4 seats)
Toilet Vault Capacity	Up to 3000 gal	1000 gal each	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal
Forest Service Trash Bins	no	no	no	no	no
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof
Elevation	1,500 feet	5,000 feet	4,700 feet	4,600 feet	5,400 feet
Number of Camping Units	(2) fee sites with (9) walk-in camp spots	30		14	32
2015 Fee Per Camping Unit		Single Site: \$28.00  Additional Vehicle: \$7.00 per vehicle	\$5.00	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double Site: \$43.240 [\$48.00]*	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double Site: \$43.240 [\$48.00]*
2016 Fee Per Camping Unit	\$3 day	\$30	\$5.00	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$43.24 (\$48.00) double \$7 additional vehicle.  During holidays fees increase \$2 per site.	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$47.24 (\$52.44) double \$7.00 additional vehicle
Minimum Operating Season	February 15 – November 31  Year long	May – Sept.	May – Sept.	May – October	May - September
Accessibility				no	
Tree Mortality	OPEN  No tree mortality issues to date.	OPEN  No tree mortality issues to date.	OPEN  No tree mortality issues to date.	CLOSED  Hazard trees to be removed by a timber sale, 2017.	CLOSED 2017  Closed until hazard mitigation has been completed.



Site	Indian Flat	Summerdale Campground	Westfall Picnic Area	Chilkoot Campground	Grey's Mountain Campground
Additional Improvements	20-25 picnic sites, 1 raft put-in				

Permit Area #1, continued

Site	Soquel Campground	Soquel Overflow Campground	Texas Flat Group Campground	Kelty Meadow Campground	Fresno Dome Campground	Big Sandy Campground
Communications	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio
Utilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	Solar operated water trough	n/a	n/a
Drinking Water	no	no	no	no	no	no
Toilet/Shower Type	vault toilets (2 seats)	Trailer toilet (2 seats)	Vault toilet (2 seats)	Vault toilet (4 seats)	Vault toilets (4 seats)	Vault toilets (4 seats) porta-toilet (1 seat)
Toilet Vault Capacity	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 2000 gal	Up to 2000 gal	Up to 2000 gal
Forest Service Trash Bins	no	no	no	no	no	no
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof
Elevation	5,400 feet	5,400 feet	5,400 feet	5,800 feet	6,400 feet	5,800 feet
Number of Camping Units	11	10	4 group sites	11	15	23
2015 Fee Per Camping Unit	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double Site: \$43.240 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 additional vehicle	No fee previously charged.	Red Fir: \$120.00 [\$133.20]*  White Fir: \$100.00 [\$111.00]*  Cedar: \$120.00 [\$133.20]* Manzanita:	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double Site: \$43.240 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 additional vehicle	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double Site: \$43.240 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 additional vehicle	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double Site: \$43.240 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 additional vehicle

Site	Soquel Campground	Soquel Overflow Campground	Texas Flat Group Campground	Kelty Meadow Campground	Fresno Dome Campground	Big Sandy Campground
			\$80.00 [\$88.80]*			
2016 Fee Per Camping Unit	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$43.24 (\$48.00) double \$7.00 additional vehicle	No fee previously charged. Any suggested fee not to exceed 50% of primary campground.	Manzanita - \$80.00 (\$88.00) White Fir - \$100.00 (\$111.00) Red Fir - \$120.00 (\$133.20) Cedar - \$ 120.00 (\$133.20)	\$23.62 (\$26.22 single \$47.24 (\$52.44) double \$7.00 additional vehicle	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$43.24 (\$48.00) double \$7.00 additional vehicle	\$23.62 (\$26.22 ) Single \$7.00 Additional vehicle
Minimum Operating Season	May - September	May - September	May - September	May - September	May - September	May - Sept
Accessibility						
Tree Mortality Status	OPEN  Hazards removed by concessionaire , 2017.	OPEN  Hazards removed by concessionaire , 2017.	CLOSED  Hazard tree treatments are scheduled for 2017 fall season.	OPEN  Hazards removed by concessionaire, 2017.	CLOSED 2017  Closed until hazard mitigation has been completed.	CLOSED 2017  Closed until hazard mitigation has been completed.

Permit Area #1, continued

Site	Fish Creek Campground	Rock Creek Campground	Soda Springs Campground	Placer Campground	Sweetwater Campground
Communications	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio
Utilities	waterlines to faucet only	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Drinking Water	Yes	no	no	no	no
Toilet/Shower	vault toilets (2 seats)	vault toilets (2 seats)	vault toilets (2 seats)	vault toilet (2 seats)	vault toilets (2 seats)

Site	Fish Creek Campground	Rock Creek Campground	Soda Springs Campground	Placer Campground	Sweetwater Campground
Type					
Toilet Vault Capacity	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal
Forest Service Trash Bins	no	no	no	no	no
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof
Elevation					
Number of Camping Units	5 single units, 3 single walk-in units	13 single units, 5 multiple units	18	8	10
2015 Fee Per Camping Unit	Single: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double Site: \$43.24 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 Additional vehicle	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double (multi) Site: \$43.24 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 Additional vehicle	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double (multi) Site: \$43.24 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 Additional vehicle	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double (multi) Site: \$43.24 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 Additional vehicle	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double (multi) Site: \$43.24 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 Additional vehicle
2016 Fee Per Camping Unit	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single site \$43.24 (\$48.00) double site \$7.00 Additional vehicle	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$47.24 (\$52.44) double \$7.00 additional vehicle	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$47.24 (\$52.44) double \$7.00 additional vehicle	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single site \$47.24 (\$52.44) double site \$7.00 additional vehicle	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$43.24 (\$48.00) double \$7.00 additional vehicle
Minimum Operating Season	May 15 - September 30	May 15 - September 30	May - September	May 15 - September 30	May 15 - September 30
Accessibility					
Tree Mortality Status	CLOSED in 2016  Trees have been felled and	CLOSED  Under Forest Order. Hazard tree	CLOSED  Under Forest Order. Hazard	CLOSED  Under Forest Order. Hazard	CLOSED 2017

Site	Fish Creek Campground	Rock Creek Campground	Soda Springs Campground	Placer Campground	Sweetwater Campground
	are being removed, 2017.	mitigation to be determined.	tree mitigation to be determined.	tree mitigation to be determined.	Closed until hazard mitigation has been completed.
Additional Improvements					

Permit Area #1, continued

Site	Mammoth Pool Campground	Mammoth Pool Boat Launch Parking	Lower Chiquito Campground	Upper Chiquito Campground	Whiskers Campground	Gaggs Campground
Communications	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio
Utilities	Well and 10,000 gal storage tank	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Drinking Water	Yes	no	no	no	no	no
Toilet/Shower Type	vault toilets (2 seats)	vault toilets (2 seats)	vault toilets (2 seats)	vault toilets (2 seats)	vault toilets (2 seats)	vault toilets (2)
Toilet Vault Capacity	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000	Up to 1000
Forest Service Trash Bins	3 dumpsters	no	no	no	no	no
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof	Bear proof
Elevation						
Number of Camping Units	47	N/A	7	20	8	10
2015 Fee Per Camping Unit	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*  Double (multi) Site:	No fee previously charged.	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*	No fee previously charged.	Single Site: \$21.62 [\$24.00]*	

Site	Mammoth Pool Campground	Mammoth Pool Boat Launch Parking	Lower Chiquito Campground	Upper Chiquito Campground	Whiskers Campground	Gaggs Campground
	\$43.24 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 additional vehicle		Double (multi) Site: \$43.24 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 additional vehicle		Double (multi) Site: \$43.24 [\$48.00]*  \$7.00 additional vehicle	
2016 Fee Per Camping Unit	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$43.24 (\$48.00) double \$7.00 additional vehicle	No fee previously charged.	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$43.24 (\$48.00) double \$7.00 additional vehicle	No fee previously charged.	\$23.62 (\$26.22) single \$43.24 (\$48.00) double \$7 additional vehicle During holidays fees increase \$2 per site.	\$23.26 (\$26.22) single \$43.24 (\$48.00) double \$7.00 additional vehicle
Minimum Operating Season	May 15-September 30	Jun-Sept. *closed May 1 to June 16 to allow for deer migration	May - September	May - September	May - September	May - September
Accessibility						
Tree Mortality Status	CLOSED  Under Forest Order. Hazard tree mitigation to be determined.  Hazard trees have not been felled.	OPEN  No tree mortality issues.	CLOSED 2017  Closed until hazard mitigation has been completed.	CLOSED as of mid-June due to snow.  Hazard trees have not been assessed for 2017.	CLOSED 2017  Closed until hazard mitigation has been completed.	CLOSED 2017  Closed until hazard mitigation has been completed.
Additional Improvements		Parking area for 100 car/trailers and a				

Site	Mammoth Pool Campground	Mammoth Pool Boat Launch Parking	Lower Chiquito Campground	Upper Chiquito Campground	Whiskers Campground	Gaggs Campground
		concrete launching ramp.				

**Permit Area #2 - Shaver Lake Complex**

Site	Swanson Meadow Campground	Dorabelle Campground and Picnic Area
Communications	Cell and radio	Cell and radio
Utilities	n/a	Well, pump house
Drinking Water	no	yes
Toilet/Shower Type	Vault toilets – 2 double seat (4 vaults)	Vault toilets – 7 double seat (14 vaults); 2 double vaults in picnic site
Toilet Vault Capacity	Up to 1000 gal each	1,000 gal each
Forest Service Trash Bins	2 bins	9 bins
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof dumpster, small	Dumpster, small; Bear proof – 2 yard front load
Elevation	5,400 feet	5,400 feet
Number of Camping Units	6 single 3 double	Campground: 55 single, 6 double, 2 host Picnic Site: 10 single, 4 double
2015 Fee Per Camping Unit	\$20 single \$40 double \$7 additional vehicle	\$28 single \$7 additional vehicle \$5 per vehicle for picnic site
2016 Fee Per Camping Unit	\$22 single \$44 double \$5 additional vehicle	\$30 \$5 additional vehicle
Minimum Operating Season	Memorial Day – October 22	May 19 - October 22
Accessibility		Yes

Site	Swanson Meadow Campground	Dorabelle Campground and Picnic Area
Tree Mortality Status	CLOSED  Hazard Trees set for felling and removal within a timber contract.	OPEN  2 FS hazard tree treatments (2016-2017)
Additional Improvements		Rehabilitated through Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) re-licensing in 2014

**Permit Area #2, continued - Huntington Lake Complex Campgrounds**

Site	Rancheria Campground	College Campground	Deer Creek Campground	Kinnikinnick Campground	Catavee Campground
Communications	Radio/Cell service available	Radio/Cell service available	Radio/Cell service available	Radio/Cell service available	Radio/Cell service available
Utilities	Water line from Kokanee Work Center	Deer Creek water system	Deer Creek water system	Deer Creek water system	Deer Creek water system, 35,000 gal tank, well, pump house
Drinking Water	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Toilet/Shower Type	Flush & vault toilets – 8 double seat vault (16 vaults); 7 double seat flush (14 flush-septic)	Flush & vault toilets – 1 double seat vault (2 vaults); 1 double seat flush (2 flush-septic)	Flush toilets – 1 four-seat flush (4 flush-septic)	Flush toilets– 1 four-seat flush (4 flush-septic)	Flush toilets– 1 four-seat flush (4 flush-septic)
Toilet Vault Capacity	1000 gal each	1000 gal each	Up to 1000 gal each	Up to 1000 gal each	Up to 1000 gal each
Forest Service Trash Bins	14 bins	2 bins	3 bins	3 bins	2 bins
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof dumpster, large; 2-yard rear load	Bear proof Dumpster, small; Bear proof 2 yard rear load	Bear proof Dumpster, small	Bear proof Dumpster, small	Bear proof Dumpster, small
Elevation	7,000 feet	7,000 feet	7,000 feet	7,000 feet	7,000 feet

Site	Rancheria Campground	College Campground	Deer Creek Campground	Kinnikinnick Campground	Catavee Campground
<b>Number of Camping Units</b>	113 single sites 8 double; 3 triple group site; 2 host sites	8 single 2 double	23 single 4 double 1 host site	18 single 7 double 1 host site	23 single 1 double
<b>2015 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>	\$28 single \$56 double \$90 group \$7 additional vehicle	\$28 single \$56 double	\$28 single \$56 double \$30 premium single \$60 premium double	\$28 single \$56 double	\$28 single \$56 double
<b>2016 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>	\$30.00 Single \$60.00 Double \$90 Group \$7 additional vehicles. During holidays fees increase \$2 per site.	\$30.00 Single \$56.00 Double \$90 Group \$7 additional vehicles During holiday's fees increase \$2 per site.	\$30.00 Single \$32.00 Premium-single \$60.00 Double \$7 additional vehicles During holiday's fees increase \$2 per site.	\$30.00 Single \$56.00 Double \$7 additional vehicles During holiday's fees increase \$2 per site.	\$30.00 Single \$56.00 Double \$7 additional vehicles During holiday's fees increase \$2 per site.
<b>Minimum Operating Season</b>	Memorial Day - October 31	Memorial Day – September 17	Memorial Day - September 17	Memorial Day – Labor Day	Memorial Day – Labor Day
<b>Accessibility</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes-toilets	Yes-toilets	Yes-toilets
<b>Tree Mortality Status</b>	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.
<b>Additional Improvements</b>	Rehabilitated 2012/2013	Rehabilitated 2013/2014			

Permit Area #2, continued - Huntington Lake Complex Campgrounds



Site	Upper Billy Creek Campground	Lower Billy Creek Campground	Badger Flat Campground	Badger Flat Group Campground	Midge Creek Group Campground
Communications	Radio/Cell service available	Radio/Cell service available	Radio	Radio	Radio
Utilities	Well, pump house	Water supplied from Billy Creek water system			
Drinking Water	yes	yes	no	no	no
Toilet/Shower Type	Flush & vault toilets – 4 double seat vaults (8 vaults); 1 four-seat flush (4 flush)	Vault toilet – 2 double seat vault (4 vaults)	Vault toilets – 3 double seat vaults (6 vaults)	Vault toilets – 2 double seat vaults (4 vaults)	6 Portable toilets
Toilet Vault Capacity	1000 gal each	1000 gal each	Up to 1000 gal each	Up to 1000 gal each	n/a
Forest Service Trash Bins	7 bins	2 bins	1 bin	none	
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof – 2 yard rear load	Dumpster, small; Bear proof – 2 yard rear load	Bear proof Dumpster, small	Bear proof	Bear proof
Elevation	7,000 feet	7,000 feet	7,000 feet	7,000 feet	7,000 feet
Number of Camping Units	33 single 3 double; 1 triple group site; 1 host site	8 single 2 double 1 host site	15 single	Max 100 people	Max 100 people
2015 Fee Per Camping Unit	\$28 single \$56 double	\$28 single \$56 double \$30 premium single	\$20 single	\$300 group	\$100 per unit – 2 units
2016 Fee Per Camping Unit	\$30.00 Single \$30.00 Premium-single \$56.00 Double	\$30.00 Single \$32.00 Premium-single \$56.00 Double	\$22.00 Single \$7 additional vehicles	\$300.00	\$100.00

Site	Upper Billy Creek Campground	Lower Billy Creek Campground	Badger Flat Campground	Badger Flat Group Campground	Midge Creek Group Campground
	\$7 additional vehicles	\$7 additional vehicles			
Minimum Operating Season	Memorial Day – Labor Day	– Memorial Day – Labor Day	Memorial Day – Labor Day	Memorial Day – Labor Day	Memorial Day – Labor Day
Accessibility	Yes	Yes			
Tree Mortality Status	OPEN  1 hazard tree treatment, fall of 2016. Additional trees to be felled.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.
Additional Improvements	Rehabilitated 2015/2016	Rehabilitated 2014/2015			

**Permit Area #2, continued - Huntington Lake Complex Day Use & Picnic Areas**

Site	Eastwood Visitor Center (administrative office/store)	Bear Cove Picnic Area	Billy Creek Picnic	Dowville Picnic Area	Huntington Lake Boat Launch Parking
Communications	Landline telephone/radio/cell service	Radio/Cell service available	Radio/Cell service available	Radio	Radio/Cell service available
Utilities	Non potable water is on site	Deer Creek Water System			
Drinking Water		yes	yes	no	
Toilet/Shower Type	2 single hole vaults	Vault toilets aerated – 1 four-seat (4 vaults)	Vault toilet – 1 double seat vault (2 vaults)	Vault toilets 1 double seat vault (2 vaults)	Vault Toilets – 2 double seat vault (4 vaults); Flush toilets – 1 four-seat flush
Toilet Vault Capacity	Up to 1000 gal each	Up to 1000 gal each	1000 gal each	1000 gal each	Up to 1000 gal each
Forest Service Trash Bins	2 bins	2 bins	1 bin	1 bin	2 bins

Site	Eastwood Visitor Center (administrative office/store)	Bear Cove Picnic Area	Billy Creek Picnic	Dowville Picnic Area	Huntington Lake Boat Launch Parking
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof Dumpster, small	Bear proof Dumpster, small	Bear proof Dumpster, small; Bear proof – 2 yard rear load	Bear proof Dumpster, small; Bear proof – 2 yard rear load	Bear proof Dumpster, small
Elevation	7,000 feet	7,000 feet	7,000 feet	7,000 feet	7,000 feet
Fee 2016		\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Minimum Operating Season	May 15 – October 31	Memorial Day – October 15	May 15 – October 31	May 15 – October 31	May 10 – October 15
Accessibility		yes	yes	yes	
Tree Mortality Status	OPEN  No issue to date.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN.  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.	OPEN  Mitigate hazard trees as necessary.
Additional Improvements	parking for 15 vehicles  Set for rehabilitation through FERC in 2018.	parking for 17 vehicles	parking for 10 vehicles  Rehabilitated 2015	parking for 9 vehicles  Rehabilitated 2013/2014	Parking for 96 vehicles

**Permit Area #2, continued - High Sierra Complex Campgrounds**

Site	Jackass Meadow Campground	Vermilion Campground	Portal Forebay Campground	Mono Hot Springs Campground	Mono Creek Campground	Ward Lake Campground
Communications	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio	Radio
Utilities	water treatment plant building and its own water system	Water is supplied from the Mono Creek Trail- head		Own water system and water treatment plant building	gravity fed/hydraulic water system	
Drinking Water	Yes		no	NO	NO	no

Site	Jackass Meadow Campground	Vermilion Campground	Portal Forebay Campground	Mono Hot Springs Campground	Mono Creek Campground	Ward Lake Campground
<b>Toilet/Shower Type</b>	vault toilets – 2 four seat vaults (8 vaults)	vault toilets 5 double seat vaults (10 vaults)	vault toilets – 2 double seat vaults (4 vaults)	vault toilets – 3 double seat vaults (6 vaults)	vault toilets 2 four-seat vaults (8 vaults) – 1 of these buildings (4 vaults) is not in use	vault toilets 2 double seat (4 vaults)
<b>Toilet Vault Capacity</b>	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal
<b>Forest Service Trash Bins</b>	4 bins	4 bins	none	3 bins	1 bin	1 bin
<b>Trash Bin Type</b>	Bear proof Dumpster, small	Bear proof Dumpster, small	Bear proof storage lockers	Bear proof Dumpster, small	Bear proof Dumpster, small	Bear proof Dumpster, small
<b>Elevation</b>	6,500 feet - 7,600 feet	6,500 feet - 7,600 feet	6,500 feet - 7,600 feet	6,500 feet - 7,600 feet	6,500 feet - 7,600 feet	6,500 feet - 7,600 feet
<b>Number of Camping Units</b>	34 single 6 double 1 host site	30 single 1 host site	8 single 3 double	18 single 5 double 1 host site	12 single 2 double	17 sites
<b>2015 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>	\$24 single \$48 double \$7 add vehicle	\$24 single \$7 add vehicle	\$20 single \$40 double \$7 add vehicle	\$24 single \$48 double \$7 add vehicle	\$24 single \$48 double \$7 add vehicle	\$20 single \$40 double \$7 add vehicle
<b>2016 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>	\$26.00 single \$52.00 double \$7 additional vehicle	\$26 single \$7 add vehicle	\$22.00 Single \$44.00 Double \$7 additional vehicle  During holidays fees increase \$2 per site.	\$26.00 Single \$52.00 Double \$7 additional vehicle  During holidays fees increase \$2 per site.	\$26.00 Single \$52.00 Double \$7 additional vehicle  During holidays fees increase \$2 per site.	\$22.00 Single \$44.00 Double \$7 additional vehicle  During holidays fees increase \$2 per site.
<b>Minimum</b>		June - September	June - September		June - September	June - September

Site	Jackass Meadow Campground	Vermilion Campground	Portal Forebay Campground	Mono Hot Springs Campground	Mono Creek Campground	Ward Lake Campground
Operating Season	June - September			June - September		
Accessibility					Yes - toilet	no
Tree Mortality Status	OPEN No issue to date.	OPEN No issue to date.	OPEN No issues to date.	OPEN No issues to date.	OPEN No issues to date.	OPEN No issues to date.

**Permit Area #2, continued – High Sierra Complex Picnic and Day Use Areas**

Site	Florence Lake Area
Communications	Radio
Utilities	
Drinking Water	No
Toilet/Shower Type	vault toilet – 1 double seat vault (2 vaults) in boat ramp parking area; 1 four-seat vault (4 vaults)
Toilet Vault Capacity	Up to 1000 gal
Forest Service Trash Bins	1 bin
Trash Bin Type	Bear proof Dumpster, small
Elevation	6,500 feet to 7,600 feet
Minimum Operating Season	June - September
Accessibility	
Tree Mortality Status	OPEN No issues to date.
Additional Improvements	Boat ramp parking 75 vehicles, trail head parking 100 vehicles, picnic area parking for 25 vehicles.

**Permit Area #2, continued**

Site	Dinkey Creek Campground	Dinkey Creek Group Site	Trails End Picnic Area	Gigantea Campground	Buck Meadow Campground
<b>Communications</b>	Landline telephone/Radio /Cell service available	Landline telephone/Radio /Cell service available	Radio/Cell service available	Radio	Radio
<b>Utilities</b>	spring/ storage tank distribution system	Water at site			
<b>Drinking Water</b>	yes	yes		no	no
<b>Toilet/Shower Type</b>	Vault and flush toilets – 9 double seat flush and 2 four-seat flush (26 flush); 1 double seat vault (2 vaults)	vault toilets 1 double seat vault (2 vaults)	vault toilets (2) – 2 single seat vaults (2 vaults)	vault toilet 1 double seat vault (2 vaults)	vault toilet 1 double seat vault (2 vaults)
<b>Toilet Vault Capacity</b>	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal	Up to 1000 gal
<b>Forest Service Trash Bins</b>	18 bins		1 bin	no	1 bin
<b>Trash Bin Type</b>	Bear proof Dumpster, small		Bear proof Dumpster, small	none	Bear proof Dumpster, small
<b>Elevation</b>	5,700 feet	5,700 feet	5,700	6,500 feet	6,800 feet
<b>Number of Camping Units</b>	118 single 4 double	50 people	N/A	10 sites	9 sites
<b>2015 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>	\$28 single \$7 add vehicle	\$200	\$ 5 per vehicle	\$20 single \$7 add vehicle	\$20 single \$7 add vehicle
<b>2016 Fee Per Camping Unit</b>	\$30.00 Single \$7 additional vehicle During holidays fees increase \$2 per site.	\$200.00	\$3 day	\$22 \$7 additional vehicle	\$22 \$7 additional vehicle

Site	Dinkey Creek Campground	Dinkey Creek Group Site	Trails End Picnic Area	Gigantea Campground	Buck Meadow Campground
Minimum Operating Season	Memorial Day – October 22	Memorial Day – October 22	Memorial Day – October 22	Memorial Day – September 30	Memorial Day – September 30
Accessibility					
Tree Mortality Status	OPEN  2 treatments (2016-2017). Open for both seasons.	OPEN  2 treatments (2016-2017).	OPEN  Treatments completed 2017.	CLOSED  Felling operations underway with timber contract.	OPEN  Trees have been felled.
Additional Improvements	Dinkey Fisherman's Picnic area is associated with this campground. No fee has previously been charged to use the day use area. A toilet is available for use.				

#### D. Government-Furnished Property

The Forest Service will provide certain property in conjunction with the concession campground special use permit. Included in this inventory are a description, the quantity, and the estimated replacement cost of the applicable property. The following stipulations will apply to all government-furnished property:

1. Replacement of any existing property will be in-kind and approved by the Forest Service prior to purchase and/or replacing.
2. All signs will meet the Sign and Poster Guidelines for the Forest Service which can be found by visiting this [webpage](http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/eng/roads_trails/sign_guidelines/) ([http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/eng/roads\\_trails/sign\\_guidelines/](http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/eng/roads_trails/sign_guidelines/)). Applicable chapters for developed recreation and concessionaire operations can be found in *Appendix 22*. Non-standard signs will not be accepted. All signs must be approved by the Forest Service prior to installation. These guidelines may be replaced or updated as soon as the Sierra NF develops their own sign plan.
3. Graffiti will be removed from any surface. Painting over graffiti will not be accepted. (*Appendix 21 – Protocols for Removing Graffiti*)
  - a. On porous surfaces, graffiti will be removed with a sandblaster or other similar system.
  - b. On non-porous surfaces, graffiti will be chemically removed.

#### E. Government-Furnished Supplies

The Forest Service will not furnish any supplies for day-to-day operation of the concession. Government-furnished supplies will be limited to those necessary for programmatic consistency, including:

- Forms to report use and revenue.

- A copy of the Forest Service publications, “Cleaning Recreation Sites,” “In-Depth Design and Maintenance Manual for Vault Toilets,” and “Vault Toilet Pumping Contract Specifications and Guidelines for Preparing Contracts.”
- A copy of “Recreation Opportunity Guides,” which the holder may reproduce at its expense.
- Title VI signs.

## F. Utilities and Waste Management

Certain utilities and infrastructure exist for the developed recreation sites identified in this prospectus. The permit holder will be responsible for securing, managing, and paying for these utilities. Applicants should contact current service providers to obtain estimated costs for the utilities. These utilities include:

### Electrical

Meter and usage will be in the name of the permittee. Permittee will pay a prorated share of the electrical utility in Forest Service facilities where permittee rents space.

Company	Location	Contact
PG&E	Bass Lake Ranger District	Patrick Denny Phone: (559) 978-5815
Southern California Edison (SCE)	High Sierra Ranger District	Jeff Mc Pheeters (559) 893-3646

### Telephone

Service will be in the name of the permittee. There is telephone service available at the Bass Lake Recreation Area Office.

Company	Location	Contact
Sierra Telephone	Bass Lake Ranger District	Phone: (559) 683-4611
Ponderosa Telephone	High Sierra Ranger District	Phone: (559) 868-6000

### Water

Many of the developed sites included in this offering have potable water systems. The permittee will develop and Forest Service approve a water system operating plan for each water system under permit (see *Appendix 10: Sample Special Use Permit. Reference Appendix F: Operation of Federally Owned Drinking-Water Systems (pg. 20) for FS regulations and requirements of operation.*) It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure that these water systems are properly shut down during the winter season and then turned back on before opening the sites. The permittee is required to become familiar with the different water systems so he/ she can be prepared to service and maintain them. The FS will provide assistance during the initial year to help the permittee become familiar with the water systems.

Before water from a seasonal system is served to any employee or the public, the following steps will be performed on the system:

Clean the inside of the well and/or storage tank, where applicable.

Thoroughly flush the entire system, to remove any foreign matter.

A chlorine solution that tests in excess of 10 ppm at the most distant hydrant shall be distributed throughout the system and allowed to sit for a minimum of 24 hours, to sanitize the system.



Satisfactory "safe" bacteriological test results must be obtained through an approved testing laboratory for bacterial, nitrate, and other applicable testing as required by regulations. Tests cannot be taken until 72 hours after flushing the chlorine solution from the system. All test results will be furnished to the USDA Forest Service.

The permit holder is required to operate and maintain the water system for developed sites in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations for the operation and maintenance of a public drinking water system.

Company	Location	Contact
Bass Lake Water Company	Bass Lake Ranger District	Address: PO Box 113 54335 Rd 432 Bass Lake, CA 93604 Phone: (559)642-2494

## Garbage

The permit holder will be responsible for garbage removal. The current provider is:

Company	Location	Contact
Total Waste Systems – Mariposa	Bass Lake Ranger District	Address: 4705 CA – 49 Mariposa, CA 95338 Phone: (209) 966-3190
Emadco	Bass Lake Ranger District	Address: P.O. Box 2386 Oakhurst, CA 93644 Phone: (559) 683-4680
Granite Solid Waste	High Sierra Ranger District	Phone: (559) 298-3463

## Liquid and Solid Waste Disposal

The permit holder is responsible for pumping all vault toilets and septic systems at the developed recreation sites.

The Bass Lake Sewer System consists of seven (7) electrical grinder pump stations that require weekly, monthly, bi-annual or annual attention as a maintenance item (*Reference Appendix 23: Bass Lake Sewer Maintenance Plan*) will become a part of the Annual Operating Plan. Upgrades may occur to the Bass Lake Sewer System in the future, at that time a new maintenance plan will be required by the holder. The holder will be responsible for maintenance and operation of that portion of the Bass Lake Sewer System relative to the campgrounds and picnic facilities under permit. Annual fees to Madera County (approximately \$90,000/year) will be paid by the Holder. Applicants should estimate the cost of the sewer fees and specify in this section).

Sanitation services to pump the vault toilets, holding tanks, and dump stations will be the responsibility of the permittee for the term of the permit. Some locations receive significant use outside the normal camping season and may need pumping at permittee expense prior to opening. Snow melt can also partially fill some units. A sewage vault is considered to need pumping when it reaches 3/4 full. (See section IV, The Annual Operating Plan).

All disposal sites must meet Federal, State, County, and local regulations.

Company	Location	Contact
Big Oak Septic	Bass Lake Ranger District	Address: 37130 Mudge Ranch Rd, Coarsegold, CA 93614 Phone: (559) 683-7707 Email: gdd@sti.net
Palmberg Septic Pumping	Bass Lake Ranger District	Address: 54139 Forrest Park Ln, Oakhurst, CA 93644

Company	Location	Contact
		Phone: (559)683-2840
Central State Sanitation	High Sierra Ranger Station	Cari Cotton (559) 855-2532

## **II. Forest Service Concession Programs and Policies**

Government-owned concessions are authorized by special use permits issued under Section 7 of the Granger-Thye (GT) Act, 16 U.S.C. 580d, and implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B.

In addition, there are certain Forest Service programs and policies that apply to campground concession. All applications must be consistent with these requirements.

### **A. Recreation.gov**

The Sierra NF participates in Recreation.gov, which provides nationwide, toll-free telephone reservations for single-family or group camping sites, rental cabins, permits, tours, tickets, and other recreational facilities. Visitors pay the camping fee at the time they make a reservation, and no fees are collected at the site (although the permit holder may allow occupancy of any site that is unreserved and charge on site for that use). The Recreation One-Stop program is organized under the FS Washington Office within Recreation, Heritage and Volunteer Resources. The USFS contacts and program leads for Recreation.gov are listed below. Applicants should not contact the Recreation.gov contractor directly.

Name	Location	Contact
Joanna Wilson	Pacific Southwest Region (5) Rec.gov Coordinator 855 South Skylake Drive Woodland Hills, Utah 84653	Phone: (801) 423-7724 Email: <a href="mailto:jwilson08@fs.fed.us">jwilson08@fs.fed.us</a>
Susan Valente	Forest Service Contracting Officer's Technical Representative PO Box 10 Granby, VO 80446	Phone: (303) 621-4170 Email: <a href="mailto:svalente@fs.fed.us">svalente@fs.fed.us</a>

Recreation.gov is the only authorized reservation system for Forest Service developed recreation sites, including but not limited to campgrounds, cabins, and group use areas. Recreation.gov is the only authorized reservation service. Applicants may recommend adding sites to or deleting sites from Recreation.gov or changing the number of sites that may be reserved, the minimum number of days per reservation, or the location of sites that may be reserved. The permit holder also may make these recommendations during the term of the permit. The authorized officer will decide whether to accept or reject the recommendations.

Under Recreation.gov, the following guidelines must be followed, unless there are compelling operational reasons:

1. For each developed recreation site included in Recreation.gov, at least 60 percent of the units must be available for reservations. The rest of the units may be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Reservation windows vary by type of site and are as follows:

Individual campsites: from 6 months to 4 days prior to arrival date.

Group use areas: from 12 months to 4 days prior to arrival date.

2. When Recreation.gov is utilized, the permit holder is responsible for on-site administration and will be required to:

- Obtain daily arrival reports (DARs) each morning by establishing at least one central facsimile location, email address, or other means of obtaining and distributing DARs.
- Develop a system for posting reservations at the sites so other visitors know which units are reserved.
- Post and hold reserved sites for 26 hours past the posted check-in time.
- Ensure that the party with the reservation is the party using the site.
- Resolve any disputes over the use of reserved sites by drop-in campers.
- Verify that visitors hold a valid federal pass (listed below) before giving the discount on fees for those passes (*see* section II.B). Do not discount fees if a visitor cannot present a valid pass.
  - Golden Age or Golden Access Passport
  - America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Senior Pass or Access Pass
  - Other passes as required by the authorized officer and described within this prospectus such as local area passes
- Develop inventory data for sites being added to Recreation.gov, and update data for sites including fees charged the public and temporary site closures. Submit data updates to Recreation.gov at least annually.
- Communicate to Recreation.gov any emergency closures or other relevant operational changes as they occur.
- Approve customer refunds as appropriate, and process them through Recreation.gov. Refund policies can be found by visiting [Recreation.gov](https://support.recreation.gov/) (<https://support.recreation.gov/>).

Because reservations can be made up to a year in advance for group sites and up to 6 months in advance for family sites, Recreation.gov is currently accepting reservations for the upcoming operating season. Fees received by Recreation.gov will be held by the Forest Service and distributed following issuance of a special use permit to the successful applicant. In the final year of the permit, fees will be held in the same manner until a new permit is issued. The permit holder will honor reservations made prior to issuance of the permit at the price in effect when the reservations were made. In the event that funds are distributed prematurely for dates outside the permit term, a bill for collection will to be issued to the permit holder.

## **B. Pass Discounts**

The permit holder must provide a 50 percent discount on recreation fees charged under REA at developed recreation sites covered by this prospectus to holders of Golden Age and Golden Access Passports, as well as holders of the Interagency Senior and Access Passes.

Specifically, holders of these passes are entitled to a 50 percent discount on the fee for a single campsite occupied by the pass holders. The pass holders are not entitled to a discount on the fee for a multiple-family campsite, cabin, or group use area or any additional campsites occupied by those accompanying the pass holders. The 50 percent campsite discount does not include utility, water, or any other hookup fees.

Any loss of fee revenue from honoring the passes should be factored into applicants' bids.

The permit holder will not be required to offer discounts on camping to holders of the Annual or Volunteer Pass.

The 50 percent discount for passes applies to all sites listed in this prospectus.

Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Sites Under REA [Reserved]. The Forest Service is proposing a revision to FSM 2344.3 to address treatment of standard amenity recreation fee sites in the concession program. The agency reserves the right to amend a special use permit issued under this prospectus to be consistent with any change in that directive.

All sites listed in this prospectus apply.

### C. Camp Stamps

Camp stamps must be honored at their face value and submitted to the authorized officer for reimbursement.

### D. Site Closures

The Forest Service reserves the right to close all or a portion of any area in this prospectus for repair; construction; floods, snow, extreme fire danger, or other natural events; wildlife protection; or risks to public health and safety. The Forest Service shall not be liable to the permit holder for lost revenue, operating costs, or any other losses resulting from these closures. However, for fee calculation purposes, the permit shall be placed in non-use status as provided by FSH 2709.11, section 31.23.

### E. Administrative Use

If the Forest Service requires the permit holder to provide a service for/to the Agency, the permit holder will be compensated for that service. If the Forest Service requires the permit holder to provide a service/facility/site for/to the Agency in lieu of serving the general public, the permit holder will be compensated at the same rate that is charged to the general public. For example, administrative use may be needed to accommodate a fire crew at one of the group campsites; the permit holder will be compensated for the daily rate of the campsite.

The Forest Service may not procure use of the concession/concessionaire for a third party.

### F. Applicable Forest Orders

Forest Orders may be issued to address a variety of management concerns on a particular area or site on the forest. Sample orders related to the offering are identified in *Appendix 4 – Applicable Forest Orders*. Additional applicable forest orders may be issued in the future.

1. Applicable Forest Orders are found at this [webpage](https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sierra/alerts-notice): (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sierra/alerts-notice>) and will be sent to the concessionaire from the permit administrator as new forest orders are signed. Sample current applicable orders include:
  - a. Forest Order No. 05-15-00-17-04 Recreation Sites and Road Closures
  - b. Forest Order No. 15-15-02 Food and Refuse Storage Requirements (being updated)

### G. Fee Tickets and Compilation of Use and Revenue Data

The permit holder must provide fee tickets to visitors that include at least the following information:

- The site number and total amount paid.
- The date of issuance and number of days paid for.
- If a pass is used, the pass number.
- The number of people in the group.
- The number of vehicles and their license plate numbers.

The permit holder must provide use and revenue data to the Forest Service (*see* Appendix 5 of the prospectus for a sample use report). Use reports must be completed monthly and at the end of the operating season for each developed recreation site, provided that when the holder performs GT fee offset work in lieu of paying the land use fee in cash, use reports may be submitted quarterly, rather than monthly. At a minimum, monthly and year-end use reports must include:

- The total number of units occupied based on daily counts.

- The total number of people based on daily counts.
- The percentage of occupancy by month.
- Total recreation fee revenue.
- Total fee revenue for other goods and services.
- The total number of Camp Stamps collected.
- The total number of passes used.

In addition, year-end use reports must include:

- Total fee revenue collected under the NRRS.
- Total taxes paid.
- Total gross revenue.
- Total net revenue.

## **H. Customer Service Comment Cards**

The permit holder must provide a customer service comment card to visitors at each developed recreation site (*see Appendix 6 of the prospectus*).

## **I. Performance Evaluations**

At a minimum, the Forest Service will perform a year-end performance evaluation within four months of the close of the operating season (*see Appendix 7 of the prospectus*). An unsatisfactory rating may be cause for suspension or revocation of the special use permit. Sustained satisfactory performance is required for a permit extension.

## **J. Accessibility**

The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 require new or altered facilities to be accessible, with few exceptions. In 2004, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) issued revised accessibility guidelines for buildings and facilities subject to the ABA and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These new guidelines are called the ADA/ABA Accessibility Guidelines. In 2006, the Forest Service issued the Forest Service Outdoor Recreation Accessibility Guidelines (FSORAG). The FSORAG addresses types of recreational facilities, including developed recreation sites, which are not covered by ADA/ABA Accessibility Guidelines.

Any Government and Holder maintenance, reconditioning, renovation, or improvement (*see section III.C*) must meet ADA/ABA Accessibility Guidelines, where applicable, as well as the FSORAG.

The FSORAG and the ADA/ABA Accessibility Guidelines are posted on the Forest Service's [website](http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/accessibility) at (<http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/accessibility>). Questions regarding ADA/ABA Accessibility Guidelines may be referred to the Access Board at [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov). Questions regarding the FSORAG may be referred to the accessibility coordinator for the local National Forest.

The permit holder is responsible for ensuring effective communication with visitors with disabilities, including persons with impaired vision or hearing, so that all visitors may obtain information on accessible services, activities, and facilities.

## K. Camping Unit Capacity

### Number of Vehicles Per Camping Unit

A single-family camping unit may accommodate one vehicle. A “vehicle” is defined as any motorized conveyance, except that for purposes of vehicular capacity, two motorcycles are considered one vehicle. Additional vehicles may be allowed at a camping unit, if the camping unit can safely accommodate them. When extra vehicles are allowed, an extra fee approved by the Forest Service may be charged for each extra vehicle. If an extra vehicle exceeds the camping unit capacity (i.e., the extra vehicle causes a safety hazard or resource damage), the customer may be required to pay for an additional camping unit or park in an overflow parking area, if available. One towed vehicle per single camping unit will be allowed for no extra charge if it can be parked completely on the surfaced area and does not create a safety hazard. Examples of towed vehicles include a boat trailer or a car towed by a motor home.

### Group Site Capacity

The capacity established for group sites is as follows:

Campground	Site	Capacity	Parking
Recreation Point Group Campground	Knoll Acorn Scout Lagoon	Up to 200 persons	31 parking spaces
Crane Valley Group Campground	7 units	Up to 156 persons	Up to 40 vehicles
Texas Flat Group Campground	4 units	Up to 105 persons	Up to 35 vehicles
Badger Flat Group Campground	1 unit	Up to 100 persons	Up to 35 vehicles
Midge Creek Group Campground	2 units	Up to 100 persons	Up to 30 vehicles
Dinkey Creek Group Site	1 unit	Up to 50 persons	Up to 10 vehicles

### Day Use Site Capacity

Name	Sites
Little Denver Church and Denver Church Picnic Areas	36 sites
Pine Slope Picnic Area	Parking for 11 vehicles
Rocky Point Picnic Area	Parking for 6 vehicles
Pine Point Picnic Area	Parking for 11 vehicles
The Falls Picnic Area	Parking for 25 vehicles
Recreation Point Group Picnic Area	3 group sites
Lakeside Picnic Area	Parking for 23 vehicles
Wishon Boat Launch Parking (Bass Lake)	Parking for 105 vehicles
Willow Creek Trail Head	Parking for 9 vehicles
Indian Flat	20-25 sites, 1 raft put in
Cranberry Boat Launch	Parking for 10 vehicles
Redbud	(Undefined) Parking for 6 vehicles
McClendon Beach	Parking for 4 vehicles
Westfall Picnic Area	(Undefined) Parking for 5 vehicles
Mammoth Pool Boat Launch Parking	Parking for 100 vehicles and boat launch
Dorabelle Picnic Site	14 sites, parking for 29 vehicles
Eastwood Overflow	Parking for 15 vehicles
Upper Billy Creek Overflow	Parking for 10 vehicles
Eastwood Visitor Center	Parking for 15 vehicles
Bear Cove Picnic Area	Parking for 17 vehicles
Billy Creek Picnic	Parking for 10 vehicles
Dowville Picnic Area	Parking for 9 vehicles

Name	Sites
Huntington Lake Boat Launch Parking	Parking for 96 vehicles
Florence Lake Area	Parking for 25 vehicles, boat ramp
Mono Creek Trailhead	Parking for 85 vehicles

## L. Stay Limit

Campers at overnight sites will be limited to a 14-day stay limit with a 21-day maximum per ranger district per calendar year.

## M. Fees Charged to the Public

The permit holder may charge the public fees only to the extent that the Forest Service can charge recreation fees under REA. All recreation fees must be specified per developed recreation site. The holder must honor the proposed pricing through the first full operating season. Thereafter, the holder may propose price adjustments with justification.

Permit holders may not charge for any of the following:

- Solely for parking, undesignated parking, or picnicking along roads or trail sides.
- General access, unless specifically authorized by REA.
- Dispersed areas with low or no investment, unless specifically authorized by REA.
- Persons who are driving through, walking through, boating through, horseback riding through, or hiking through NFS lands without using the recreational facilities and services for which a fee is charged.
- Camping at undeveloped sites that do not provide the minimum number of facilities and services prescribed by REA.
- Use of overlooks or scenic pullouts.
- Travel by private, noncommercial vehicle over any national parkway or any road or highway in the Federal-aid System that is commonly used by the public as a means of travel between two places, either or both of which are outside an area in which recreation fees are charged.
- Travel by private, noncommercial vehicle, boat, or aircraft over any road, highway, waterway, or airway to any land in which the person traveling has a property right, if the land is in an area in which recreation fees are charged.
- Any person who has a right of access for hunting or fishing privileges under a specific provision of law or treaty.
- Any person who is engaged in the conduct of official federal, state, tribal, or local government business.
- Special attention or extra services necessary to meet the needs of the disabled.

## N. Law Enforcement

Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2342.1, Exhibit 01, addresses the law enforcement authorities and responsibilities of concessionaires, state and local law enforcement agencies, and the Forest Service at concession campgrounds. (*See Appendix 8- Law Enforcement at Concession Campgrounds.*)

The sites offered in this prospectus are in the jurisdiction of multiple County Sheriff's Offices, who are in an agreement with the Forest Service to act as the first line for any emergency response. The permit holder will report all emergencies via the 911 system, and notify the Forest Service as soon as possible, or within 24 hours after the event.

- Mariposa County Sheriff Non-Emergency (209) 966-3615
- Madera County Sheriff Non-Emergency (559) 675-7770



- Fresno County Sheriff Non-Emergency (559) 448-3111

Additional information regarding emergency procedures will be supplied at the time of permit issuance to ensure the most up to date procedures are used in the Operating Plan.

## **O. Other Pertinent Information**

### **Emergency Response**

The permit holder shall be prepared, and should describe how they will be prepared, to respond to any emergencies (medical, law enforcement, facility breakdown, fire, flood, etc.) that might occur in and around the facilities covered under the permit. The permit holder will prepare and submit for review by the Forest Service, any site warnings, non-standard signs, or other notifications to the public. Applicants will report personal and/or vehicular accidents within 24 hours to the Forest Service in writing.

### **Communication Systems**

The holder is required to provide a means of communication (e.g., two way radios, cellular phones, etc.) between all employees, the Forest Service, the National Recreation Reservation System, and emergency response agencies. Applicants should describe how they will ensure complete, timely, and accurate communication between all affected interests. Applicants should also describe who will be the holder's on site representative(s) and how that person will communicate with the Forest Service.

### **Customer Service**

The mission of the Forest Service is "Caring for the Land and Serving People". Permit holders who operate on National Forest System lands on behalf of the Forest Service are expected to assist in achieving this mission. Customer service is central to the concession operation. The permit holder will need to develop and implement methods and mechanisms for responding to customers' needs in a helpful and professional manner. The permit holder will provide timely and courteous responses to inquiries regarding developed recreation sites and will provide information to visitors in regards to their stay on the Sierra National Forest.

### **Permit Area Boundary**

The permit area boundary for each recreation site is shown in Appendix 2. In the instances of water recreation sites, permit area boundaries may fluctuate based on water levels. In the instances of non-water recreation sites, permit area boundaries are utilized to help guide or delineate the extension of the permit holder's responsibilities. The permit holder shall make a reasonable determination of the boundaries for the purposes of hazard tree identification and removal, camping areas, and maintenance and clean-up.

The permit area boundary for each recreation site may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the Forest Service through a permit amendment.

### **Employee Housing**

Accommodations for overnight use by personnel is limited to the designated host sites and potentially holder owned trailer space for rent at Kokanee Work Center on the High Sierra Ranger District. Additional accommodations for overnight use by personnel is available at Kokanee (four trailer pads w/hookups) for space rental fee.

The permit holder is responsible for all utilities associated with the managers' camp and each host site. Any area used as a managers' camp, campground host site, or employee housing area will be kept orderly and presentable at all times. The Forest Service will inspect the managers' camps, campground host sites, or employee housing areas at any time and will give proper instruction as to the appearance and upkeep of the areas.



Area managers, campground hosts, and their immediate family may reside with them at the respective recreation area. The number of hosts at each recreation area will not exceed approximately one host per 25 camp units. Host sites will be signed to notify the public of their locations. Trailers, tents, and/or other essential equipment will be allowed in the campground hosts' designated camp unit. Personal items must be kept to a minimum.

### **Resource Concerns**

Resource concerns and specific mitigation measures (if necessary) will be discussed and the permit holder's input will be reviewed as part of the environmental analysis necessary to complete a project outside the scope of regular maintenance. Resources potentially affected by these recreation sites and facilities could be wildlife, endangered species, archaeological resources or riparian areas.

### **Wildlife Mitigation**

Campgrounds attract wildlife through the presence of food, trash, and other strong odors, such as personal toiletry items, that are typically kept at individual camp sites. In order to prevent wildlife encounter problems, campers must keep these items secured (enclosed) within hard sided vehicles or hard sided camping units when they are not physically present at their campsite and during night time sleeping hours. Campground hosts shall inform campers of this need and that, for example, trash bags hanging in trees, coolers or grills left out, or combustible odorous trash items left in a fire ring will attract wildlife.

### **Predator and Nuisance Wildlife**

California has an abundance of wildlife. Applicants should describe how they will manage for medium to large size predators (coyote, mountain lion, bear) and small nuisance animals that may cause health concerns (rabid squirrels or foxes, recurring raccoons or skunks). The California Department of Fish and Wildlife must be notified when predatory/dangerous animals are observed, or have had interactions with the public, in or near developed recreation areas/facilities.

### **Endangered Species**

The permit holder will be required to work with the Forest Service to inform campground users about species on the Endangered and Threatened Species list and the protection of habitat (*see* Appendix 9 of the prospectus). The permit holder will have to include this information in the annual operating plan for the permit.

### **Archaeological Resources**

In general, any significant ground disturbing activity will need to be reviewed and approved by the Forest Heritage Program Leader, as well as the State Historic Preservation Office prior to initiating activity. All ground disturbing activities must be coordinated with the authorized officer prior to beginning work. The permit holder will have to notify Forest Service law enforcement personnel immediately of any unauthorized disturbance of the site.

### **Condition of Trees**

The pine, oak, and other conifer stands within the campgrounds are mature to over-mature. During the past few years, the trees have experienced extensive insect- and drought-induced tree mortality, heavy damage from wind, snow, dwarf mistletoe, and sudden limb drop. Big oaks that look healthy on the exterior may contain rotten cores and can drop a heavy limb without any warning. Refer to the Developed Recreation Table (1.B) for more information on sites that have been impacted by tree mortality.

## **Site Hazards and Hazard Tree Removal**

Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2332.11 requires that, “Consistent with preserving the recreation resource, remove trees or tree limbs identified as hazardous at developed recreation sites.”

The permit holder shall take all measures necessary to protect the health and safety of all persons affected by the concession activity. More specifically, the permit holder is solely responsible for identifying, correcting, and reporting all safety hazards to the authorized officer. The permit holder will conduct pre-season inspections of each of the developed recreation sites to identify existing and potential hazards, including hazard trees. Tree hazards include dead or dying trees, dead parts of live trees, or unstable live trees (due to structural defects or other factors) that are within striking distance of people or property (a target). Hazard trees have the potential to cause property damage, personal injury or fatality in the event of a failure. The permit holder will notify FS personnel of identified hazards to be marked with FS approved marking paint before removing the hazard.

The permit holder also will be responsible for monitoring and identifying hazard trees during the operating season. Only those trees that may hit a target are expected to be monitored and/or removed as a hazard. Those trees outside of the target area (i.e., are within range of a campsite, building, etc.) do not require monitoring or removal.

After securing written approval from the authorized officer, the permit holder’s financial responsibility for removing hazard trees and associated slash should not grossly exceed approximately one percent (1%) of the previous year’s gross revenue. For example, a concessionaire with gross revenue of less than \$200,000 should be responsible for up to \$2,000 for hazard tree removal. However, a concessionaire with gross revenue of \$1,000,000 may be responsible for up to \$10,000 for hazard tree removal. The Annual Operating Plan will address appropriate disposal of hazard trees and slash.

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to make sure that the person performing the hazard tree analysis is properly trained and/or licensed; a licensed professional tree service company may be used. The Forest Service will help identify when and where this training will be provided.

As safety hazards are identified, the permit holder shall take the following steps:

- Inform those who are in immediate danger.
- Take necessary actions to protect the public and employees, at least temporarily.
- Immediately report the hazard to the Forest Service, even if there is no immediate danger to the public.
- The permit holder will close sites and immediately notify the Forest Service of any hazards in the area that the permit holder is not able to remedy.
- If possible, remove the hazard and document the removal.

The permit holder will not be responsible for hazard tree removal necessitated by atypical situations, such as a major blow down or a large insect infestation.

Trees must be kept free of nails, rope, wire, unsafe branches, and other hazards that might endanger users or damage the trees. Rocks, logs, sticks, or other similar natural or man-made objects that create a safety hazard or an unsightly condition must be removed from the recreation site immediately to a location approved by the Forest Service.

## **Use of Fee Sites by Non-Paying Guests**

Incidental individual recreational use of restrooms, trash cans, potable water facilities, and/or ramadas in fee sites by non-paying visitors, such as hikers, bikers, sight seers, and the casual passerby will be allowed at no charge. Walk-through users, drive-through users, and day-hikers shall not be charged to reasonably fill their carriable water containers, use the

restrooms, dispose of their micro trash, or rest shortly under a ramada. The applicant should consider this in their bid process/application.

### Concession Administered Pass

This prospectus/bid package does not require that an annual pass be sold and administered by the permit holder.

Applicants should provide detailed information regarding how, or if, they will provide the use of an annual pass at some or all of the day-use sites; the applicant should provide detailed information in regards to the permit holder's responsibility for administering, maintaining, and financial accountability for the pass.

### Interpretive Services

This prospectus/bid package will be evaluated on the proposed interpretive services in each application; however, this is not required.

Interpretive services enhance a visitor's recreation experiences and appreciation of natural and cultural resources. Interpreters educate, entertain, exhibit, inform, and communicate with people by provoking thought. Acceptable interpretive services subject include local history, archaeology, natural and cultural resources, wildlife, astrology, etc. Interpretive services can attract visitors to campgrounds and encourage repeat visits.

Applicants should provide detailed information regarding how they will provide interpretive services to campers and members of the general public, the location of proposed programs, and the frequency of proposed programs. Any interpretive service programs will be reviewed and approved by the Forest Service before implementation. Permit holders may charge for interpretive program materials (pamphlets, brochures, etc.) provided directly to visitors.

The following table is an example of interpretive services that have been utilized in the past:

Location	Program
Bass Lake	From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, interpretive services scheduled every Friday and Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Most activities will take place at Lakeside and Way of the Mono.
Huntington Lake	Two campfire programs per week, one Friday night, and one Saturday night. Three interpretive nature walks per week. One children's program per week. The campfire programs and Nature walks will start on Memorial Day weekend and continue until Labor Day weekend. During the first two (2) weeks in June, the schedule may vary due to campgrounds opening.
High Sierra	Two campfire programs per week to include Friday and Saturday. One interpretive nature walks per week. Two children's programs per week. The campfire programs and nature walks will start on Memorial Day weekend and continue until Labor Day weekend. During the first two (2) weeks in June, the schedule may vary due to campgrounds opening.
Dinkey	Three interpretive programs per week at Dinky Creek Campground. A minimum of one nature walk per week at McKinley Grove Picnic Area.

### Butane and Propane Installations

The permittee is allowed to install and/ or store butane or propane at the following locations:

- Host site at Dinkey Creek Entrance

- Host site at Dinkey Creek "K" Loop

The Forest Service strictly prohibits the tapping of any propane tanks to fill up smaller "camper size" tanks, by the concessionaire for either personal use or for sale.

The Annual Operating Plan and Permit will describe the specific terms of how these materials must be stored (including the volume, type of storage, and spill containment plan). (Refer to the FS-2700-4h permit clause V.G. for more information.)

### **Recycling**

Recycling of all materials is encouraged. Holder supplied recycling receptacles will be subject to approval by the Forest Service. The holder will be responsible for emptying recycled materials from the receptacles and removing them from the campground to an approved recycling facility. Any proceeds from the sale of recycled materials may be retained by the permit holder.

### **Signs and Posters**

Signs or other advertising posted on National Forest system lands must meet standards found in the Sierra NF's Sign Plan, and be approved by the authorized officer as to location, design, size, color, and content. All signs must be of professional quality and maintained in a good condition (neat, clean, not faded or torn, etc.). Signs, posters, and signboards shall contain current information and shall be neat, clean, and free of old nails and staples. Handwritten signs or posters are not allowed. Posted information should be coordinated with the Forest Service.

The permit holder will be required to have a sign posted at the entrance of all sites, stating that the site is run under a permit from the U.S. Forest Service and include the name of the holder. (*Please refer to Appendix 3: Special Uses Authorizations: Complying With Civil Rights Requirements.*)

### **Marketing**

The permit holder shall accurately represent the services provided to the public within the permit area in all advertisements, signs, brochures, and any other materials. The public shall be made aware that "XYZ Company is a permitted concessionaire on the Sierra NF", or something to the above mentioned effect. (*Please refer to Appendix 3: Special Uses Authorizations: Complying With Civil Rights Requirements.*)

## **III. Special Use Permit**

In exercising the rights and privileges granted by the special use permit, the permit holder must comply with all present and future federal laws and regulations and all present and future state, county, and municipal laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that apply to the permit area, to the extent they do not conflict with federal law, regulation, or policy. The Forest Service assumes no responsibility for enforcing laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that fall under the jurisdiction of other governmental entities.

### **A. Permit Term**

The permit term will be for up to 5 years with an option to extend the term for an additional 5 years at the sole discretion of the authorized officer. The decision to extend the term will depend, in part, on sustained satisfactory performance of the permit holder. Upon expiration of the permit, continuation of the permitted activity will be at the sole discretion of the authorized officer and will be subject to a competitive offering. A new prospectus will be issued during the final year of the permit term.

If the decision to select a permit holder is appealed, a permit will not be issued until the appeal has been resolved, unless operation is needed during the appeal, in which case a permit with a term of one year or less may be issued.

## **B. Permit Holder Responsibilities**

This section highlights the requirements of the special use permit, which is contained in Appendix 10 of the prospectus. Applicants are responsible for familiarizing themselves with all permit requirements that govern the operation covered by this prospectus.

### **Responsibility for Day-to-Day Activities**

As a general rule, the holder will be required to conduct the day-to-day activities authorized by the permit. Some, but not all, of these activities may be conducted by someone other than the permit holder, but only with the prior written approval of the authorized officer. The permit holder will continue to be responsible for compliance with all the terms of the permit.

### **Permit Holder-Furnished Supplies and Equipment**

The permit holder will be required to provide all vehicles, equipment, and supplies necessary to operate the authorized developed recreation sites in accordance with the special use permit.

### **Holder-Furnished Vehicles**

The permit holder may not use all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, or motor bicycles in the campgrounds. The holder may propose use of golf carts or other similar vehicles to facilitate daily maintenance of the facilities. If authorized, carts must stay on designated roads or trails while driving between sites or loops.

Unless approved by the Authorized Officer, all vehicles must adhere to the most current Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).

### **Holder Maintenance, Reconditioning, or Renovation (MRR)**

Maintenance, reconditioning, and renovation are defined in the permit (FS-2700-4h, clause IV.E.1(a), (c)). Holder MRR is defined as maintenance, reconditioning, or renovation that neither materially adds to the value of the property nor appreciably prolongs its life. The work serves only to keep the facility in an ordinary, efficient operating condition. From an accounting or tax perspective, it is work that may be expensed, but not capitalized. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the holder must obtain any licenses and certified inspections required by regulatory agencies and follow state and local laws, regulations, and ordinances and industry standards or codes applicable to the permitted operation (FS-2700-4h, clause IV.E.1(d)). The permit holder, at its expense, will be required to perform holder MRR under a holder MRR plan (FS-2700-4h, clause II.D). The holder MRR plan will describe required holder MRR and its frequency. The holder MRR plan will become part of the permit holder's annual operating plan.

## **C. Granger-Thye Fee Offset Agreement**

The federal government owns all the improvements at the developed recreation sites covered by this prospectus. Under Section 7 of the Granger-Thye (GT) Act and the terms of the permit, the permit fee may be offset in whole or in part by the value of Government maintenance, reconditioning, renovation, and improvement (MRRI) performed at the permit holder's expense. Government MRRI is defined as maintenance, reconditioning, renovation, or improvement that arrests deterioration, improves and upgrades facilities, and appreciably prolongs the life of the property. Government maintenance, reconditioning, renovation or improvement, whether performed by the holder or the Forest Service, shall be performed at the sole discretion of the authorized officer. (*See Appendix 10 of the prospectus and FS-2700-4h, clause IV.E*).

All Government MRRI shall be enumerated in an annual GT fee offset agreement signed by the holder and the Forest Service in advance of the operating season (*see Appendix 11 of the prospectus and FS-2700-4h, Appendix B*). Alternatively, a multi-year fee GT fee offset agreement can be prepared for consolidated fee payments. A list of sample Government MRRI projects is included in *Appendix 12 of the prospectus*.

Either the holder or the Forest Service may perform GT fee offset work. This determination will be made annually. When the holder performs GT fee offset work, if it includes construction that costs more than \$2,000, it is subject to the Davis-Bacon Act and the fee offset agreement must contain Davis-Bacon Act wage provisions. Additionally, indirect costs may be offset provided the holder submits either a currently approved indirect cost rate or accounting procedures and supporting documentation to determine an indirect cost rate (*see* Appendix 13 of the prospectus).

The holder's claims for GT fee offset must be documented using the FS-2700-4h, Appendix G, Granger-Thye Fee Offset Certification Form (*see* Appendix 14 of the prospectus). This form requires the holder to itemize allowable costs incurred for an approved GT fee offset project and to certify the accuracy and completeness of claims.

When the Forest Service performs GT fee offset work, the holder will deposit fee payments into a CWFS account. The Forest Service will perform GT fee offset work under a collection agreement and offset those costs against the permit holder's annual permit fee (*see* FS-2700-4h, clause IV.E.3, and Appendix 15 of the prospectus). The Forest Service's indirect costs may be offset at the agency's approved rate. The Forest Service and the holder will agree on the work to be performed in advance of each operating season.

## D. Insurance

### **Liability Insurance**

The successful applicant must have liability insurance covering losses associated with the use and occupancy authorized by the permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage in the minimum amount of:

- **\$300,000.00** for injury or death to one person per occurrence;
- **\$500,000.00** for injury or death to more than one person per occurrence;
- **\$25,000.00** for third-party property damage per occurrence, or in the minimum amount of
- **\$300,000.00** as a combined single limit per occurrence.

Insurance policies must name the United States as an additional insured, insurance must be sufficient to cover the holder's obligation to indemnify the United States for all injury, loss, or damage as a result of claims, demands, losses, or judgements that arise in connection with the holder's use must be included in concession special use permits (*Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 10, Section 14.3 Liability and Insurance Coverage*) (*see* Appendix 10, FS-2400-4h, clause III.I).

### **Property Insurance**

Property insurance will be required for the Sierra NF in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for functional and/or in kind replacement of the insured property (*see* Appendix 24 - *Inventory of Government-Furnished Property*) for a sample of inventory from 1998.

## E. Bonding

The permit holder will provide a performance bond in the amount of: **to be determined when necessary**. The bond may take the form of corporate surety, Treasury bills, notes or other negotiable securities, cash deposits, irrevocable letters of credit, assignment of savings accounts, or assignment of certificates of deposit. The authorized officer may reevaluate the need for or the amount of the bond after the first operating season.

## IV. Application

### A. Instructions for Submitting Applications

Applicants may submit an application for one or both of the two permit areas offered in this prospectus. The winning applicant(s) may have both or one of the permit areas. If the applicant plans to apply for both permit areas, they must provide two separate applications (Operating Plan, Fees to Government and Fees to the public).

Applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the sites at least once before submitting an application (*see* Appendices 1 and 2, vicinity and area maps and maps of developed recreation sites).

The information in this prospectus is from generally reliable sources, but no warranty is made as to its accuracy. Each applicant is expected to make an independent assessment of the business opportunity offered in this prospectus.

**Applicants must submit four (4) copies of their application package and supporting documents.** Additionally, a second copy of the business plan and financial resources must be included for review by the SBDC. If the applicant plans to apply for both permit areas, a separate operating plan, fees charged to the public and fees to the government will need to be provided. ***No electronic submissions will be accepted and will not be evaluated.***

**All applicants must be submitted to:**

Addressee	Title	Attention	Address
Dean Gould	Forest Supervisor	Jody Nickerson, Assistant Forest Public Services Officer (Recreation)	Sierra National Forest 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611

**Applications must be received by close of business (4:30 p.m., Pacific) on July 22, 2017.**

Please ensure that all requested information is submitted. Missing or incomplete information will result in a lower rating for the corresponding evaluation criteria.

Applications must be signed. The person signing for an entity must have authority to sign for that entity. Applicants must include their address, telephone number, facsimile number, and email address.

Corporations also must include:

- Evidence of incorporation and good standing.
- If reasonably obtainable, the name and address of each shareholder owning 3 percent or more of the corporation's shares and the number and percentage of any class of voting shares that each shareholder is authorized to vote.
- The name and address of each affiliate of the corporation.
- If an affiliate is controlled by the corporation, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of the affiliate owned, directly or indirectly, by the corporation.
- If an affiliate controls the corporation, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of the corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the affiliate.

Partnerships, limited liability companies (LLCs), associations, or other unincorporated entities must submit a certified copy of the partnership agreement or other documentation establishing the entity or a certificate of good standing under the laws of the state where the entity is located.

**Information Meeting and Site Tour**

of requested recreation sites included in this prospectus has been scheduled for:

**July 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

Details of the field tour will be provided to interested parties when requested and no later than by June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Attendance is optional, but is highly recommended to familiarize applicants with facilities and to answer questions regarding the proposal, application, or permitting processes.

Applicants should contact Jody Nickerson at (559) 297-0706 (ex. 4943) or via email: [jnickerson@fs.fed.us](mailto:jnickerson@fs.fed.us) regarding any questions related to this prospectus.

## **B. General Terms, Qualifications, and Reservations**

All applicants have an equal opportunity to apply. Except for members of Congress, Resident Commissioners, and current Forest Service employees, any individual or entity may apply.

The Forest Service does not guarantee a profitable operation. Rather, applicants are responsible for reviewing the prospectus and making their own determination concerning business viability.

The Forest Service will select the application that offers the best value to the Government. The Forest Service reserves the right to select the successful applicant based on a trade-off between the fee to the Government and technical merit.

The Forest Service is not obligated to accept the application with the highest return to the Government.

The Forest Service reserves the right to select the successful applicant based solely on the initial application, without oral or written discussions.

The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any or all applications and to rescind the prospectus at any time before a special use permit is issued.

Any oral statement made by a representative of the Forest Service shall not modify the requirements of this prospectus. If it is determined that an error or omission has been made or additional information is required, a written amendment will be sent to each person or entity receiving a copy of this prospectus.

If there is a conflict between the terms of the prospectus and the special use permit, the terms of the permit will control. The Forest Service is proposing a revision to FSM 2344.3 to address how passes and passports are honored in the concession program. The agency reserves the right to amend the special use permit consistent with any change to that directive. In addition, the Forest Service reserves the right to amend the special use permit, to make it consistent with applicable laws and regulations, including REA; other Forest Service directives; or other management decisions.

The information contained in applications will be kept confidential to the extent permitted under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

## **C. Application Package Requirements**

Applications must be in writing and must include or address the following\*:

- A proposed annual operating plan (including required and optional services).
- A business plan, business experience, references, and Small Business Development Center (SBDC) review fee, if applicable (*see* section IV.C.2).
- Financial resources.
- Fees charged to the public.
- Fee to the government.
- Initial processing fee.

**\*Four copies** of the entire application package must be submitted. Additionally, a second copy of the business plan and financial resources must be included for review by the SBDC. If the applicant plans to apply for both permit areas, a separate Operating plan, Fees charged to the public and Fees to the government will need to be provided.



## **1. Proposed Annual Operating Plan (Including Required and Optional Services)**

Applicants must submit a proposed annual operating plan that addresses all required and optional services. Applicants must utilize the sample annual operating plan (*see* Appendix 9 of the prospectus) to organize their response to this section. The successful applicant's proposed operating plan will be attached to and become a part of the special use permit.

Applicants must specify whether another party will assist with any of the operational aspects of the concession, and if so, must include the other party's name, address, telephone number, email address, and relevant experience.

Below are highlights of what needs to be addressed in the proposed annual operating plan. For more detail, see the sample annual operating plan in Appendix 9 of the prospectus.

### **Operating Season**

Peak operating season is generally May/June through September. Based on this information, applicants need to propose the period in which they will operate the sites listed in the prospectus. All sites must be open and operational seven days per week during the minimum operating season, unless a Forest Service closure order is in effect.

### **Staffing**

Applicants must address appropriate staffing to meet customer service and cleanliness standards. The holder will be responsible for furnishing all personnel for the developed recreation sites and for adequately training and supervising their activities under the terms of the permit. The holder must meet requirements of federal and state laws governing employment, wages, and worker safety. Based on past experience, recommended staffing needs are outlined in Appendix 9 of the prospectus. Applicants should address worker hours and schedules. Applicants also should address staff training for effective customer service, conflict resolution, area-specific emergency procedures, and dissemination of recreation and tourism information.

### **Supervision and Management**

Applicants must designate an individual to serve as the agent of the holder for purposes of administration of the permit by the Forest Service. The designated agent must periodically review attendant performance on site and must be available to resolve repair needs within 24 hours of discovery or notification. The holder will be responsible for the conduct of its employees, including preventing conduct prohibited by 36 CFR part 261, Subpart A, and ensuring that employees are not under the influence of intoxicating beverages or narcotic drugs while on duty or representing the holder. Applicants also must include a policy for removing employees who engage in inappropriate conduct.

### **Uniforms and Vehicle Identification**

Applicants should describe employee uniforms, insignia, name tags, and the applicants' policy for ensuring a clean, professional appearance by staff while on duty. The holder's employees may not wear any component of the Forest Service uniform. Additionally, applicants should address their policy for vehicle maintenance and appearance; types of vehicles to be used for operations (vehicles may not be driven off designated roads or trails); and signage to identify the concessionaire to the public.

## **2. Business Plan, Business Experience, and References**

Applicants must submit a business plan utilizing the format in Appendix 16 of the prospectus. This part of the application package must be a separate document. The business plan provides a thorough analysis of an applicant's vision of the proposed business. A good business plan is essential for running a successful business, maintaining and improving the business, and raising needed capital.

Applicants must furnish a detailed description of their experience relating to operating and maintaining developed recreation sites (*e.g.*, campgrounds, beaches, and marinas). The description must include experience in private business, public service, or any nonprofit or other related enterprises. Applicants are encouraged to contact their local SBDC if they need assistance in completing their business plans. Alternatively, applicants who have already received a review of their business plan from an SBDC or the Forest Service for the current fiscal year may submit a copy of the review report.

## **Performance Evaluations**

Applicants who have experience in managing Forest Service or other Government concessions must provide copies of the most recent annual written performance evaluations for each Forest Service or other concession the applicants have operated or are operating.

## **References**

Applicants also must furnish three business references with names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses in support of relevant business experience. These references will be contacted for information regarding applicants' past performance. In addition, the Forest Service may consider past performance information from other sources.

## **3. Financial Resources**

Applicants must submit a complete set of all financial statements for the last three fiscal years that have been audited, reviewed, or compiled by a certified public accountant (CPA). For any financial statements that were only compiled by a CPA, applicants must complete FS-6500-24, Financial Statement (*see* Appendix 17 of the prospectus) for certification of the accuracy of the financial statements.

Applicants must complete FS-6500-24 for any of the last three fiscal years they were in business for which a financial statement was not audited, reviewed, or compiled by a CPA. An applicant who has had a financial ability determination (FAD) conducted within the past year should include a statement to that effect along with the forest name, contact name and telephone number. Additionally, applicants must identify any pending applications or new permits obtained from the Forest Service since the FAD was completed.

In completing FS-6500-24, LLCs must list the name of the company in block 1, the names and interests of the principals in block 5, and their members should be listed in block 6. In addition, LLCs must complete the certification in Part (D)(1) of FS-6500-24.

An applicant who has not been in business for the last three fiscal years, and therefore cannot submit audited, reviewed, or compiled financial statements or an FS-6500-24, must submit three fiscal years of projected financial statements compiled by a CPA using the forecast method.

Any financial information submitted by applicants must conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) or other comprehensive bases of accounting. Any previously prepared financial documents that are submitted must be unredacted and in their original form, including footnotes.

Applicants must show at least 25 percent of the first year's operating costs in liquid assets. Liquid assets are assets that are readily converted into cash.

Applicants also must complete blocks 1 through 5 of form FS-6500-25, Request for Verification (*see* Appendix 18 of the prospectus) and submit the signed and dated form with the application. The Forest Service will forward the FS-6500-25 for the most qualified applicant to the Albuquerque Service Center for processing. The auditor assigned to conduct the FAD will send a copy to each financial institution with which the applicant does business. The financial institutions must complete blocks 6 through 15 of the form and mail the completed form to:

USDA Forest Service, Albuquerque Service Center, Attention: Auditor, ASC-B&F, 101 B Sun Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

## **4. Fees Charged to the Public**

Applicants must provide a list of all fees they propose to charge to the public for the first three years of operation, including fees for required and optional services (*see* Appendix 9, Sample Annual Operating Plan, for a list of required

and optional services). Discuss any variable pricing, discounts, and passes. All proposed fees to be charged to the public also must be included in the business plan as an income item.

The Forest Service reserves the right to regulate the rates charged to the public.

## **5. Fee to the Government**

The Government is obligated to obtain fair market value for the use of its land and improvements. The minimum fee for SNF Campground Concession SUPs will be eight (8) percent of adjusted gross revenue. Bids may include a flat fee in addition to the annual eight percent Adjusted Gross Revenue minimum, due to the Government within the first five years of the term of the permit. The purpose of the flat fee is to facilitate construction and investment in government-owned improvements while supporting business plan objectives. Applicants may propose a higher annual percentage fee and/or flat fee to the Government.

Applicants may propose a fee below the minimum, provided they can document why this amount represents fair market value. However, the Forest Service may reject the proposed fee if the agency determines that it does not reflect fair market value.

Applicants must propose the fee to the Government as a percentage of the concession's adjusted gross revenue. One percentage may be proposed for the entire permit term, or the percentage may vary each year. However, if a consolidated fee payment will be proposed, one percentage rate must be proposed for the entire period of consolidated payments.

The proposed fee to the Government also must be included in the business plan as an expense item in the cash flow projections.

The fee to the Government may be offset in whole or in part by the value of Government Maintenance Reconditioning Renovation Improvement (MRRI), performed at the permit holder's expense in accordance with a GT fee offset agreement (see section III of the prospectus).

**Optional Consolidated Land Use Fee Payment.** Applicants may propose a consolidated fee payment for up to 5 years during the initial permit term or extension of the term to finance a GT fee offset project. The consolidated land use fee payment will be determined by multiplying the average annual gross revenue of the offering for the past 3 years (adjusted, if applicable, based on expansion or contraction of the concession) by the number of years the land use fee payments will be consolidated, and multiplying the product by the percentage of gross revenue proposed by the applicant. If the Forest Service will perform the GT fee offset work using a collection agreement, the entire consolidated land use fee payment must be made when the first land use fee payment otherwise would have been due. If the holder will perform the GT fee offset work, the holder must commence that work within the first 6 months of the consolidated fee period and must complete the work within 18 months of the beginning of the consolidated fee period. The consolidated land use fee payment will not be reconciled based on actual gross revenues.

## **6. Other Evaluation Criteria**

Applicants should discuss how they will maintain any current services offered, or provide any new or additional/option services such as:

- Concessionaire sales (firewood, ice, camping supplies, fishing supplies, snacks, etc.)
- Interpretive programs to the public at the campgrounds on a regular basis.
- Recycling program at some/all of the sites listed in this prospectus

## **7. Application Fee**

### ***Cost Recovery***

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 a processing fee of **\$900.00** to cover the cost of the prospectus and review of the application. Payments due the United States for this application must be paid in the form of a bank draft, money order, or cashier's check payable to the **USDA-Forest Service**. Payments will be credited on the date received by the designated Forest Service collection officer or deposit location. Additionally, the selected applicant will be responsible for the costs of preparing and issuing the permit and conducting a 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 will have on the applicant's financial ability.

### ***Business Plan Evaluations***

With the business plans, applicants must submit a bank draft, money order, or cashier's check in the amount of **\$200.00 made payable to El Comino College Foundation**. Applicants submitting a current fiscal year review by the Forest Service or an SBDC need not enclose payment.

### **D. Evaluation of Applications**

A Forest Service evaluation panel will evaluate each application utilizing the **fixed weight** method.

**The following evaluation criteria are listed below having equal weight:**

- Proposed annual operating plan (including required and optional services).
- Business plan, business experience, and references.
- Financial resources.
- Fees charged to the public.
- Fee to the Government.

The Forest Service will consider only the applicant's written application package and any past performance information obtained by the Forest Service. During the evaluation process, the evaluation panel may contact any references, including all federal, state, and local entities that have had a business relationship with the applicant. The evaluation panel also may consider past performance information from other sources.

The evaluation panel will make a recommendation to the authorized officer as to which applicant offers the best value to the Government. The authorized officer will make the selection decision. All applicants will be notified of the successful applicant via certified mail.

The Forest Service will conduct a FAD on the selected applicant as a prerequisite to issuing a special use permit, unless the agency has a current fiscal year FAD conducted by the Albuquerque Service Center or SBDC for another Forest Service unit.

The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

The Forest Service reserves the right to rescind the prospectus at any time before a special use permit is issued. If the Forest Service rescinds the prospectus, application fees will be returned.

The following are the qualitative factors for each criterion:

Color	Definition
Blue	(Exceeds) - The proposal is very comprehensive, in-depth, clear and uniformly outstanding in quality. Consistently high quality performance can be expected. The

Color	Definition
	proposal, as written, exceeds requirements and demonstrates an exceptional understanding of goals and objectives of the offering. No significant weaknesses exist.
Green	(Acceptable) - The proposal meets all minimum requirements and generally is of high quality. Proposal demonstrates an acceptable understanding of goals and objectives of the acquisition. There may be both strengths and weaknesses, but the strengths outweigh the weaknesses. Deficiencies are minor and easily corrected. Proposal is acceptable as written. Satisfactory performance can be expected.
Yellow	(Marginal) - The proposal fails to meet minimum requirements. Proposal demonstrates a fair understanding of the goals and objectives of the offering. Weaknesses outbalance any strengths that exist. Weaknesses will be difficult to correct and would require negotiations.
Red	(Unacceptable) - The proposal fails to meet minimum requirements. Proposal fails to meet an understanding of the goals and objectives of the offering. The proposal has one or more significant weaknesses that will be very difficult or impossible to correct. Major proposal revision(s) are required for minimum acceptability.

All criteria will be weighted the same using the above color ranking system, then a final ranking of all criterion will be given.

## **V. Post-Selection Requirements**

Once an applicant has been selected, the following information must be submitted and approved by the Forest Service prior to issuance of a special use permit:

- A final annual operating plan containing all the items included in the annual operating plan submitted in response to the prospectus.
- An annual GT fee offset agreement.
- Documentation of required liability insurance and, if applicable, property insurance.
- Documentation of bonding, if applicable.
- Required deposits and advance payments (*see* Appendix 10 of the prospectus and FS-2700-4h, clause IV.C.1).
- Documentation that utility services have been obtained in the name of the selected applicant.
- A state business license and any other required federal, state, or local certifications or licenses

In addition, a detailed inventory of each site contained in this prospectus will be completed with the Forest Service and the selected applicant prior to final permit issuance.

## **VI. Pertinent Materials** (Available via Internet Download)

“Cleaning Recreation Sites” (USDA – Forest Service)

[Link:](http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/pubs/html/95231206/95231206.htm) (<http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/pubs/html/95231206/95231206.htm>)

[PDF:](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5348052.pdf) ([http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5348052.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5348052.pdf))

“In Depth Design and Maintenance Manual for Vault Toilet” (USDA – Forest Service)

[PDF:](http://www.fs.fed.us/td/pubs/pdfimage/91231601.pdf) (<http://www.fs.fed.us/td/pubs/pdfimage/91231601.pdf>)

The successful applicant will be required to submit all these items within 30 days of the date of the selection letter. If these requirements are not met within the 30-day period, a special use permit will not be issued. The applicant who receives the next-highest rating may then be selected for the special use permit, subject to the same requirements.

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