

The following questions have been submitted either by email, phone, or site visit. If you have additional questions, please contact Jody Nickerson, permit administrator, at jnickerson@fs.fed.us or (559)797-7410.

Thank you for your interest in the Sierra National Forest.

1. **Set the closing bid date as July 24th Close of Business due to 30 days ending on a Saturday.**
2. **Dinkey Creek Campground—sewer system information needed, where is the leach field? Is it a shared system with the rec residence? Shared water system with the rec residence?**
 - ✓ *Dinkey Creek water and sewer are not shared with recreation residence tracts. The recreation residences have their own water tank and lines and septic systems for the cabins. The campground has its own well and water tank and waterlines to the campground. Each of the campground flush toilets has its own septic tank and leach field located directly behind and adjacent to the flush restrooms. Green lids located behind the flush toilet buildings indicate septic and leach field location.*
3. **What is the percentage of reservations for sites on rec.gov verse walk ups?**
 - ✓ *As stated in section II A. Recreation.gov of the prospectus; 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.*
4. **Who is our picnic table company?**
 - ✓ *Pilot Rock is the supplier of the assortment of picnic tables on the Forest.*
5. **What are the electrical boxes at Rancheria? What do they power?**
 - ✓ *At Rancheria CG, there is power to group sites, restrooms, amphitheater, well house, and host sites. See attached Rancheria Campground Electrical Plans. In addition, see attached electrical plans for other recreation sites recently restored under the FERC relicensing.*
6. **Rental fee at Kokanee Work Center for trailer pads and storage? How many trailer pads? How much storage?**
 - ✓ *Four trailer sites at Kokanee Work Center at \$198 per month each.*
 - ✓ *One storage bay at Kokanee Work Center at \$140 per month each.*
 - ✓ *One storage/boneyard facility at Bass Lake at \$12.50 per month for 8 months (\$100/year).*
7. **Clarify number of business plans per application package and for permit area.**
 - ✓ *Applicants should provide a separate business plan if they plan to apply for both areas. The financial resources and business model of each permit area will be different and evaluated differently. Basically treat this as two separate prospectuses. Some of the information will be the same, but a lot of it will be different, mainly the fees, financial resources, and how each site is managed.*

If an applicant plans to apply for just one permit area; please provide 4 copies of the entire application package (this includes the proposed operating plan, business plan, financial resources, fees charged to the public, fees to the government) and an

additional copy of the business plan and financial resources should be included separately to be sent to the SBDC.

*If an applicant plans to apply for BOTH permit area; **two** separate application packages are required.*

Permit area 1: please provide 4 copies of the entire application package (this includes the proposed operating plan, business plan, financial resources, fees charged to the public, fees to the government) and an additional copy of the business plan and financial resources should be included separately to be sent to the SBDC.

Permit area 2: please provide 4 copies of the entire application package (this includes the proposed operating plan, business plan, financial resources, fees charged to the public, fees to the government) and an additional copy of the business plan and financial resources should be included separately to be sent to the SBDC.

- 8. Call power companies and find out how many panels are concessionaire. How much are the power bills?**
 - ✓ *Will provide once able to obtain information.*
- 9. What is the situation with overnight trailer parking at Wishon Boat Launch and/or campgrounds? How much?**
 - ✓ *The current charge is \$5 per night for overnight trailer parking in the back end of Wishon Boat Launch. There is no security so visitors leaving their trailer need to provide their own lock system for securing.*
- 10. How often have the fees changed? When was the last fee change?**
 - ✓ *The current Concessionaire most likely was responsible for changing fees over the life of their permit. Fees are agreed upon by both the Forest and the Concessionaire. Fees to the government are also agreed upon by what percent the concessionaire proposed in the prospectus.*
- 11. Which sites around Bass Lake are on Madera County and which are with Bass Lake Water Co.?**
 - ✓ *The Bass Lake Water Company (BLCW) has two water services to Forest Service facilities paid by concessionaire. First is a ¾" service at the Falls Beach for the restroom. The second is a 3" service with the valve and service connection located on the hillside between the BLWC's Falls storage tank and the Crane Valley Group Campground. That service supplies water to Crane Valley Campground, Recreation Point (including the group campground there), Little Denver Church day use area, Denver Church day use area, Pine Slope day use area, the fire hydrant on Road 222 just in front of the Forks Resort and the Forks Campground. All those lines are not owned or maintained by the BLCW. The Forest Service actually owns those lines and the concessionaire maintains them.*
- 12. Get information on the toilets at year round sites and the winterization (i.e. Recreation Point).**
 - ✓ *No winterization takes place at the year round sites (Lupine/Cedar and Rec. Point). Pipes are insulated.*
- 13. Please detail which taxes apply to camp sites in the National Forest and what the % of those taxes is. There is no line for added taxes on rec.gov which in my mind means they are not being collected or remitted unless that is the \$1.50 add on. 5%. Surely taxes are not coming out of your approved rate? Taxes should be on top of**

any approved rate. Transient Occupancy Tax, how is that paid? By concessionaire or by Rec.gov?

- ✓ *The forest service does not collect taxes on any of its sites. Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) is a state or county tax that is due by the concessionaire. The forest does not collect or dictate that percentage due. Rec.gov also does not collect a tax, they have a processing / reservation fee of \$9.00 that is collected on top of the site fee, it goes directly to rec.gov for the paperwork and processing it costs them to make the reservation. The concessionaire gets the entire fee charged for the site, they do not get any of the \$9.00 fee. The concessionaire is responsible for paying taxes due to the state or county.*

14. Does Rec.gov have a commission that is passed through to the concessioner on individual bookings? Or a monthly fee? Of the \$31.50 for a one night reservation is all \$31.50 passed to the concessioner?

- ✓ *Rec.gov does not have a commission. They also do not charge a monthly fee. All of the \$31.50 that is charged for a one night reservation would be passed to the concessionaire. The \$9.00 fee as mentioned above is tagged on top of the \$31.50 and goes directly to rec.gov to cover their expenses.*

15. Why is the rate \$31.50 when the 2016 approved rate in the prospectus is indicated at \$30.00?

- ✓ *The 1.50 addition is due to the bridge contract that had to be put in place for the interim time between contracts of rec.gov...essentially company who has and currently runs rec.gov lost the contract last year, there was an appeal and various other items that caused the new contractor to not be able to take over the site immediately. There a 'bridge' contract was established between the FS and the 'old' contractor. The contract increased the price and so the concessionaire was going to be impacted by the additional fee. In order to avoid that, the FS has approved a \$1.50 increase on some impacted sites to make up for this fee. The additional \$1.50 will be removed once the bridge contract is over.*

16. Why is there such a variance on fees between like kind sites?

- ✓ *Different amenities being offered and location are the large factors in dictating the fees charged.*

17. Who are the current concessioner(s) and can I have copies of existing / expiring contracts?

- ✓ *California Land Management is the current concessionaire. An example of the special use permit is in the appendices, as well as operating plan. The current concession permit is based on a 1998 prospectus, so many things have changed over that time to develop this prospectus with the national template and policies.*

18. Which sites have electrical utilities? On these sites, who is responsible for paying for the utilities?

- ✓ *The concessionaire is responsible for all utilities, most sites have power except for those with more rustic qualities and in the further reaches of the districts.*

19. What is FERC rehab? Is there a refurbishment plan you can send?

- ✓ *See list below from PG&E tentative schedule of completion (date indicates completion of the entire project):*

Facility	Year Completed By
Bass Lake Recreation Office	2022
Recreation Point Group Campground	2025
Wishon Campground	2028
Lupin Cedar Campground	2031
Wishon Boat Launch and Picnic Site	2034
Willow Cove Day Use Area	2037

✓ See attached SCE Rehabilitation Schedule.

20. Can you break down 2016 revenue by location?

✓ 2014-2016 revenue reports provided via email upon request.

21. Do you have occupancy statistics by location?

✓ 2015 report provided as attachment via email upon request.

22. Breakdown of revenues between Permit Areas #1 and #2.

✓ Please refer to reports for question number 20.

23. Consider a two week extension to the deadline for submittals.

✓ Decision to be made by the Forest Supervisor early next week.