

## **Public Involvement Summary**

### **National Forests in North Carolina**

#### **Public Participation Efforts:**

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- Six media and affiliation news groups published the information about the fee proposals:
  - The Mountaineer (8/11/2017)
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  - Smoky Mountain News (8/16/2017)
  - Havelock News (8/15/2017)
  - New Bern Sun Journal (8/15/2017)
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- The Forest reached out via letter federal and state senators and congressional staff by contacting one or more of their staffers on August 10, 2017.
  - Senator Richard Burr
  - Senator Thom Tillis
  - Representative Mark Meadows
  - Representative Richard Hudson
  - Representative Walter Jones
  - Mitchell County Commissioners
  - Madison County Commissioners
  - Graham County Commissioners
  - Swain County Commissioners
  - Cherokee County Commissioners
  - Clay County Commissioners
  - Craven County Commissioners
  - Carteret County Commissioners
  - Caldwell County Commissioners
  - McDowell County Commissioners
- The Forest posted notices onsite with opportunities to comment in August 2017
- The Forest parsed out comments received by site.
- Proposal posted on the Forest website and Facebook page
- The Forest reached out through social media (11,665 Facebook page followers) and website postings.

#### **Public Participation Results:**

- The Forest received 251 comments. Of those 106, were generally supportive, whereas 140 were generally not supportive. The remaining 5 were either not related to the fee proposal or neutral.
- Many comments, whether supportive or not, spoke to the lack of current maintenance and the need to see improvements. Many of these gave ideas or opinions on what needed to be improved or changed at specific sites.

- Many non-supportive (and some supportive) comments centered around assuring that funds would be used on site.
- Some non-supportive comments were general philosophy around taxes paying for the sites already. Commenters expressed desire to direct their tax funds and/or made general political statements.
- Some commenters felt price increases were too steep, and some suggested incremental fee increases and/or other prices they felt were more reasonable.
- Some comments spoke to fixed incomes and lower income families.
- At the Cradle of Forestry, one commenter felt non-profits should not benefit from public lands.
- Some commenters (Panther, Arrowhead) complained that the rates had already increased at that site in 2016. A fee increase was approved for these sites in 2012 and recommended 2014, so if the fee increase occurred in 2016, may seem a little too recent.

#### Forest Response to Public Involvement:

The Forest has decided to implement a phased-increase for three sites:

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#### Public Participation Efforts:

The Forest conducted public involvement from November 2017 into December 2017. They reached out to local, state, and federal legislators in November 2017. The forest captured comments from social media, on-site comment forms, email and discussions.

- Post Notice within Recreation Area: 11/27/17
- Press Release: 11/29/17
- Website Post: 11/29/17
  
- Six media outlets ran the new releases: Associated Press, Tallahassee Democrat, Orlando Sentinel, Florida Times-Union, the Gainesville Sun, and the Ocala Star Banner on November 29, 2017. The comment period ended December 31, 2017.
- Elected officials were called, then letters were sent to County Commissioners and Federal Representatives on November 15, 2017:
  - Honorable Daniel Webster – House of Representatives
  - Honorable Ted Yoho – House of Representatives
  - Honorable Bill Nelson – United States Senate
  - Honorable Marco Rubio – United States Senate
  - Honorable Neal Dunn – House of Representatives
  - Honorable Ron DeSantis – House of Representatives
  - Honorable Al Lawson – House of Representatives
  - Franklin County Commissioners
  - Baker County Commissioners
  - Columbia County Commissioners
  - Lake County Commissioners
  - Leon County Commissioners
  - Liberty County Commissioners
  - Marion County Commissioners
  - Wakulla County Commissioners
- Letters were sent to the following key contacts on November 22, 2017:
  - Florida Forest Service
  - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Consultation was initiated with following Tribes on July 9, 2018:
  - Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana
  - Seminole Tribe of Florida
  - Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
  - Poarch Band of Creek Indians
  - Muscogee (Creek) Nation
  - Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
  - Miccosukee Tribe of Indians
  - Kialegee Tribal Town
  - Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
  - Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
  - Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
  - Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
  - Chickasaw Nation

- Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
- Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town
  
- Fee proposal info was posted on the Forest’s Twitter and Facebook accounts on November 29 reaching more than 10,000 friends and followers. This effort directed interested followers back to the Forest website with full proposal details and comment instructions.

#### Public Participation Results:

A total of 12 comments were received, 11 of which either did not support or revealed concerns about the proposals. 1 commenter said they did understand the reasons why even though they opposed and another was fully supportive. Finally a 13<sup>th</sup> person showed interest in commenting, but did not actually speak to anyone on the forest. No comments received from tribal consultation as of the date of this document.

Themes from the comments included:

- Concern about current ‘opportunity’ to save a campsite by dropping off gear, paying cheap rates, and then coming back when actually planning to camp.
- Concerned that will have to pay additional fee with annual parking pass. Opposed to paying a daily rate and any fee increase.
- Fee increases are too much
  - For local community
  - Too much at once
  - For people who want to spend a month at a time in campgrounds.
- Public lands should be free to the public.
- Keep affordable sites available in consideration of elderly and youth families to make memories.
- Increased fees are double taxation
- Need better services before raising fees (specifically spoke to potable water and showers)

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### Ouachita National Forest

#### Public Participation Efforts:

- The Forest conducted public participation from May through July 2018. Information remained posted on the Forest webpage requesting the public to comment concerning the use fee proposals.
- July 18, 2018, the Forest Supervisor sent letters to the Forest Tribal Partners to advise them of the proposed use fees and requesting comments concerning the changes in the fees. To date, no responses have been received.
- Four media and affiliated news groups published the information about the fee proposals:
  - Harrison Daily Times, Harrison, AR - May 1, 2018
  - KTBS, Shreveport, LA – May 1, 2018
  - Newton County Times, Jasper AR – May 1, 2018
  - Montgomery County News, Mt. Ida, AR, May 3, 2018
- The Forest reached out via letter to federal senators and congressional staff by contacting one or more of the staffers, as well as the Governor of Arkansas on May 1, 2018.
  - Governor Asa Hutchinson,
  - Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-1)
  - Rep. French Hill (R-AR-2)
  - Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR-3)
  - Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR-4)
  - Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)
  - Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)
  - Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK)
  - Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)
  - Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)
- The Forest posted notices at recreation sites where fees were to change with opportunities to comment in May 2018.
- On May 1, 2018, District Rangers began to brief local elected officials about the proposed changes in the use fees in their areas.
  - May 10, 2018: Poteau-Cold Springs District Ranger related that Judge James Forbes, Scott County, Arkansas, (Little Pines Recreation Area) had been contacted and Judge Forbes indicated his support of the use fee proposals, and he felt the fee increases were fair, as he felt we were not currently charging enough.
  - July 18, 2018: Mena-Oden District Ranger related that Judge Brandon Ellison, Polk County, Arkansas, (Shady Lake Recreation Area), had been contacted, and Judge Ellison indicated his support of the use fee proposals.
  - July 20, 2018: Jessieville-Winona-Fourche District Ranger related that Judge Toby Davis, Perry County, Arkansas, (Lake Sylvia Recreation Area) had been contacted, and Judge Davis stated he had no comment on the use fee proposals.
  - July 20, 2018: Caddo-Womble and Oklahoma District Rangers related attempts had been made to contact local elected officials, but had received no response.

- Proposal posted on the Forest website in the form of a news release on May 1, 2018, and an article was prominently posted on the Forest webpage describing the proposed fee changes.

#### Public Participation Results:

- The Forest received 2 comments that were associated with the proposed use fees changes.
  - May 21, 2018: One comment against the use fee proposals made the following points:
    - Proposals would be greater than those at commercial campgrounds that provide more services.
    - Proposals double the current rate.
    - Fee increases would make the parks “out of the reach” to those on fixed incomes and cause a steep downward trend in park utilization.
    - Would be more supportive of increasing fees, if amenities such as swimming pools, pool tables, community rooms, locking security gates, Wi-Fi accessible from campsites, and laundry rooms would be provided in the parks.
  - July 25, 2018: Second comment related their support of the proposed increase in fees, they have an understanding of the costs related to maintaining the recreation areas in a clean and safe condition for the public to use.

#### Forest Response to Public Involvement:

The Forest plans to implement a phased-increase as indicated below:

- Cedar Lake Recreation Area – Due to this campground being listed on the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS), there would be a 6-month grace period before any changes to the proposed use fees would be implemented. Reservations can be made 6-months in advance with the reservation program.
- Charlton, Lake Sylvia, Little Pines and Shady Lake Recreation Areas – Fee increases would not be implemented until spring 2019 when campgrounds re-open for the camping season.
- Charlton, Lake Sylvia, Little Pines, Shady Lake, Cedar Lake – Northshore and Cedar Lake-Sandy Beach Swimming, Picnic and Day Use sites would not implement use fee increases until spring 2019 when areas re-open for the season.
- The Forest will conduct an extensive public information campaign to advise the visiting public of all the proposed use fee changes and discounts available to those who have the America the Beautiful (Golden Age/Access) Passes.

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### **Ozark-St. Francis National Forest**

#### **Public Participation Efforts:**

- The public was notified of all fee proposals on 05/01/2018, and were provided the opportunity to comment about the proposed increased fee during a 30-day comment period from May 1-31, on a proposal to change recreation fees across the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests (OSFNFS).
- Numerous fee posters describing the increased Expanded Amenity fee were posted at all Recreation sites and at all district offices on 05/01/2018, where the fee proposal increases were being proposed:
  - Sylamore Ranger District
    - Barkshed, Blanchard, Gunner Pool
  - Pleasant Hill Ranger District
    - Wolf Pen, Redding, Horsehead Lake
  - Big Piney Ranger District
    - Haw Creek, Richland Creek, Bayou Bluff, Long Pool, Moccasin Gap
  - Boston Mountain Ranger District
    - Spring Lake, Lake Wedington, Shores Lake
  - Mount Magazine Ranger District
    - Sorghum Hollow
- Information about this fee proposal was posted on the Ozark-St. Francis NF's website as well as a Press Release that was sent to all media outlets around the OSFNFS on 05/01/2018. A Facebook post was posted on 05/03/2018. An internal memo was released to all OSFNFS employees explaining talking points in the event questions were received from the public on 05/09/2018.
- The following media outlets wrote newspaper or online articles regarding the fee proposals: The Currier (Russellville, AR), Stone County Almanac (Mountain View, AR), The Ozark Gazette (Ozark, AR), The Newton County Times (Jasper, AR), Arkansas Democrat Gazette (State-wide Newspaper based in Little Rock, AR), Fayetteville, and Ft. Smith.
- Letters were sent to elected officials on 05/01/2018, including:
  - Governor Asa Hutchinson,
  - Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-1)
  - Rep. French Hill (R-AR-2)
  - Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR-3)
  - Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR-4)
  - Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)
  - Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)
- Letters were sent to all Tribe Partners on 07/20/18, informing them and requesting comments on the proposed fee proposals.
- Calls and letters were mailed to local county and city officials on 07/27/2018 informing them and requesting comments on the proposed fee proposals.

## Public Participation Results:

- 05/18/18: Stone County Almanac called and asked for clarification of Blanchard Fee Proposals and was satisfied with explanation.
- 05/21/2018: (**Ouachita, NF also**) “No thanks! Your office is proposing changes to the fee schedule which will effectively raise certain camping or other services or access fees to double the current rate. This is not acceptable. The proposed fees would even be greater than those at commercial campgrounds which provide more services, such as wifi, laundry, FULL HOOKUPS (with sewage), and other amenities such as swimming pools, pool tables, community rooms, locking security gates, and others. I have yet to camp at any National, CoE, or State Park which provides basic amenities such as wifi accessible from campsites, nor have I seen any that provide community rooms with games, billiards, laundry, practical physical security, and the like. Changing the fee schedule will make the parks non-competitive at best. At the least, it will make OUR national, state, or local parks out of reach to those on fixed incomes, and will certainly cause a steep downward trend in park utilization. No parks, no need to staff them. Could it be YOUR job that's lost? My wife and I each served twenty years or more in Federal Service to THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS because we believe in Serving the People of the United States, and giving back to our communities. These are mores that should be in line with ALL public servants, and I am personally shocked that such proposal to increase fees should even be considered. The proposed fee changes are outright ridiculous, and presume that the value the parks provide are far beyond reality. Just as soon as one can take a comfortable shower, get usable wifi, and have something entertaining to do during inclement weather in our public parks I will reconsider my position. Until then, the answer is a loud and clear NO. Do you copy? Thanks so much for your time. I hope you hear the voices of WE, THE PEOPLE, as WE are the ones you serve. Have a wonderful day. (And I thank you for your service, as well.)”
- 05/25/18: A phone call was received regarding fee proposal. Interested public wanted clarification on what was in the proposal.
- 05/25/2018: A local Russellville, AR resident called the Supervisors Office and expressed his support in the fee increases at Long Pool Campground as long as it is for campground improvements.
- 07/25/2018: “I don't feel the increase is of inconvenience. It takes money to keep area's clean and repaired. I love these sites and won't mind the increase. Thank you”
- 07/26/2018: “To Whom It May Concern: Thank you for sending a letter regarding the forest's proposal to change recreation fees. The inclusion of Tribes, with interest in your area either currently or historically, is a trend we would like to see more forests follow. Since Tribes do not have treaty rights, many tribal members utilize forest service lands for hunting, gathering, camping, and for other recreational and cultural purposes. Your letter will be shared with our Tribal membership, so that they may comment, if they so choose.”

- 08/01/2018: Email – From Back Country Horseman. “Hi Robert and thanks so much for including us in this notice. I can’t imagine how someone would object to these modest fees as long as they benefit the trail and campground involved. People do support what they create. We had an enjoyable and productive meeting today in Jasper and look forward to continuing to work with you.”

#### Forest Response to Public Involvement:

The Forest plans to implement a phased-increase as indicated below:

- Lake Wedington Campground and Cabins – Due to this campground & cabins being listed on the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS), there would be a 6-month grace period before any changes to the proposed use fees would be implemented. Reservations can be made 6-months in advance with the reservation program.
- Barkshed, Bayou Bluff, Blanchard, Gunner Pool, Haw Creek, Horsehead, Long Pool, Redding, Shores Lake, Sorghum Hollow, Spring Lake, Wolf Pen Campground – Fee increases would not be implemented until January 2019, or when the campgrounds re-open for the camping season.
- Shores Lake and Spring Lake will no longer have seasonal rates beginning in January 2019, or when the campgrounds open for the camping season.
- Lake Wedington Lodge and Moccasin Gap will implement the fee increases over a three year period, beginning in January 2019 through January 2021 or when the campgrounds re-open for the camping and facility (lodge) season.
- Blanchard VIC will implement new fee increases beginning in January 2019, but would honor all pre-existing paid passes and existing reservations for the 2019 season.
- The Forest will conduct an extensive public information campaign to advise the visiting public of all the proposed use fee changes and discounts available to those who have the America the Beautiful (Golden Age/Access) Passes.

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### **Chattahoochee Oconee National Forest**

#### **Public Participation Efforts:**

The Forest conducted all required public participation from August 2017 into February 2018. They reached out to local, state and federal legislators in December 2017. The forest captured comments from social media, on-site comment forms, e-mail and discussions.

- Two media ran the fee proposal story: WDUN and The Outdoor Wire.
- Online News Release was published on 08/18/2017. According to Constant Contact our online email statistics application, the news release was sent to 943 participants and was opened by 422 of recipients.
- According to Facebook, 5,309 people viewed the news release. 37 of viewers reacted to the post
- Each site was posted by 8/25/2017 for a minimum of 30 days. Most sites were posted for over 100 days.
- Letters were sent to County Commissioners, State and Federal Representatives on December 21, 2017:

Honorable Stan Helton

Honorable Rhonda Wallace, Floyd County Commissioner

Honorable Greg Hogan, Murray County Commissioner

Honorable Lynn Laughter, Whitfield County Commissioner

Honorable Stephen J. Hersey, Putnam County Commissioner

Honorable Tom Graves, U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable Jody Hice, U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable Doug Collins, U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable David Perdue, United States Senate

Honorable Johnny Isakson, United States Senate

#### **Public Participation Results:**

A total of 93 comments were received. Of those 30 indicated some level of support; whereas 63 indicated lack of support for a variety of reasons.

Themes from the comments included:

- 1) Fee increases are too high – do not raise fees to our public lands
- 2) Sites require repairs and need fixing prior to fee changes.
- 3) Agree with fee changes if, improvements are made.
- 4) People will avoid fees by parking alongside roads making this a dangerous place.

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### Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests

#### Public Participation Efforts:

The Forest conducted public participation from August 2017 into August 2018. Specific efforts included:

- Posted Notice in Rec Areas: 8/22/2017 (kept them up into August 2018 in an effort to reach more users)
- Website Post: 8/22/2017. This was in the form of the news release, which showed up in the “quick links” box on the home page for the duration of the comment period.
- Shared the proposal via Facebook
  - This post reached has 1,516 followers (not all necessarily read), had 6 shares and 7 comments
- News release was sent to 96 media outlets on 8/22/17, but no media picked up the story.
- Federal Legislator Notice/Comment: 8/15/2017. The forest called offices of federal legislators.
  - Senator Linsey Graham (left message on machine)
  - Senator Tim Scott (left message with representative)
  - Congressman Clyburn (spoke with communication director)
- **Renewed efforts occurred in July 2018 with the following results:**
  - Federal Register notice of new fees was posted 7/15/2018
  - South Carolina Radio Network aired proposals on 7/9/2018
  - Website repost on 7/24/18. This was in the form of the updated news release (which was also linked to the FMS Recreation page and pertinent recreation site pages).
  - Shared updated proposal via Facebook on 7/26/18. As of 7/30/18 reached 2,022 followers, had 7 shares and 1 comment
  - The news release was resent on 7/24/2018 and the following media ran stories;
    - Moultrie News, East Cooper County SC – 7/25/18
    - The Journal Online, Seneca SC - 7/31/18
    - Visit Oconee South Carolina, Oconee County, SC - 8/1/18
  - Contacted the following tribes
    - Catawba Indian Nation (Letter sent 7/16/18)
    - Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Letter sent 7/16/18)
  - Federal officials were contacted via phone on 7/25-26/2018
    - Senator Tim Scott
    - Senator Lindsey Graham
    - Representative James Clyburn
    - Representative Mark Sanford
    - Representative Joe Wilson
    - Representative Jeffry Duncan
    - Representative Trey Gowdy
    - Representative Tom Rice
  - State and local elected officials were contacted 7/23-25/2018
    - Bill Wallace, Town of Awendaw
    - Herb Sass, Mt. Pleasant Administrator
    - Dickie Schweers, McClellanville Administrator
    - Jennifer Miller, Charleston County City Administrator
    - Ron Mitchum, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (left message)
    - Frank Hart, Union County Supervisor

- Jerry Brannon- Union County Engineer
- Diane Wilkins, Union County Treasurer
- Ann Boggs, Union County Director of Finance and Admin
- Wayne Adams, Newberry County Administrator
- Mike Pisano, Newberry County Director of Public Works
- Debbie Cromer, Newberry County Finance Director
- K. Shane Stuart, Chester County Supervisor
- Ken Sloan, Oconee County Visitors Bureau
- Danny Edwards, Mayor, City of Walhalla
- Key stakeholders were contacted 7/23-24/2018
  - Phil Shirley, Oconee County Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
  - Cpt. John Downer & Jeff Boyer, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
  - Robert Dunaway – Pendleton Area Saddle Club
- Reposted the proposal on the Forests Facebook page. This post had four shares.
- Shared some fee proposal information to some attendees at the Enoree Ranger Districts Sustainable Recreation Meeting on 6/29/17.

### Public Participation Results:

The forest received 37 comments from a variety of sources. Of those: 24 were clearly supportive; 4 were clearly non-supportive, while the remaining 6 were neutral, unclear, or just offered suggestions. The following points were made in the comments:

- Fees are reasonable – especially the campground fees
- Fees and services like campground hosts improve people’s behavior
- Taxes do not fully pay for other services (such as ambulance services) so understand the need for fees for users of that service
- Demand is growing, so understandable to increase fees
- Facilities such as restrooms need fixing.
- Hard to offer comments without understanding the costs associated with sites. Expect that taxes should pay for much of the costs.
- Appreciate the reservation service at Whetstone Horse Camp; however the reservation fee seems high.
- Concerns that some shooters can no longer afford the target ranges.
  - Suggest a volunteer pass for work done at sites
  - Suggest 16 and under be exempt
- Visitors should see improvements with increased fees
- Proposed target range prices are cheap
- Buckhall –
  - Prices are too high for fixed income folks.
  - Facilities and hook-ups are not in good shape.
  - Keep Buckhall simple
  - Increases should reflect in updates and maintenance

### Forest Response to Public Involvement

- Changed fee structure at Poulous Loop to two tiers based on a comment that the loop could be too expensive if a group wasn’t really large.

Justification for Recommendation:

General public support has been identified with the renewed outreach effort. The Forest has also slightly modified their proposal based on their PI effort.