

Why is a fee proposal needed?

As part of a Region-wide effort, fee changes are being proposed to support the Forest's ability to continue to provide high levels of service to visitors at popular recreation sites now and into the future. The proposed fee changes better align prices with the services and amenities provided, and the cost of operations and maintenance.

Three new recreation sites are being proposed to be added to the popular rental system on the Lolo National Forest, expanding the recreational opportunity offering in the area.

Fees supplement existing funding, partnerships and volunteer work. The fee money is leveraged to complete projects such as maintenance, cabin and lookout improvements and ongoing visitor information services and education.

Recreation fees are reinvested locally.

Fee money collected is reinvested into the places you love to play. Approximately ninety five percent of fee money stays on the Lolo and pays for additional projects that would not be funded otherwise, including maintenance and improvement of front country facilities. This helps the Forest Service better meet public expectations for high-quality recreation opportunities and maintenance of recreation sites.

Fees help to pay for:

Ongoing maintenance, operations, staff, improved facilities and amenities, signage, ongoing visitor information services and education.

Your feedback is important.

All comments will be reviewed by the Forest Service. Comments found to be substantive will be evaluated further and considered in this proposal. Please submit comments on or before September 30.

Submit an electronic comment:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r1recfee>

Email a comment:

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Mail-in a comment:

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Recreation Fee Proposal

Lolo National Forest

The Lolo National Forest is proposing recreation fee changes at select sites to continue to provide high-quality recreation opportunities and improve visitor experiences in the future.

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Additional Information

- A \$5.00 extra vehicle fee is also being considered for all 23 single-site campgrounds. Extra vehicle fees will be assessed, per vehicle, for more than two non-trailer vehicles per site.
- The Bend Cookhouse is being considered for a fee increase, as well as the option to also rent the Ranger's Cabin, a new rental opportunity, for an additional fee.
- Several of the sites proposed for fee changes are available for advance reservation, which can be made through Recreation.gov.
- Sites that require a fee are signed and have either a self-service pay station, or are reserved through Recreation.gov.



Proposed Fee Table:

The following tables display the current and proposed fees for recreation sites included in this proposal.

Campgrounds	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Bighorn, Big Nelson, Fishtrap Lake, Kreis Pond, Lake Inez, Little Joe & Siria	Free	\$10.00
Bitterroot Flat, Dalles, Grizzly, Harry's Flat, Norton & Trout Creek	\$6.00	\$15.00
Cabin City	\$7.00	
Cascade, Lee Creek, Lolo Creek, Quartz Flat & Sloway	\$10.00	
Big Larch, Lake Alva, River Point & Seeley Lake	\$10.00	\$20.00
Day-Use Sites	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Big Larch and Seeley Lake CG Day use & Boat Ramps	Free	\$5.00/day \$35.00 Season Pass
Pattee Canyon Nordic Ski Trail System (includes Crazy Canyon TH)		
Seeley Creek Winter Sports Site		
Quartz Flat Dump Station	\$2.00	\$10.00
Group Sites	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Cascade Group CG	\$14.00	\$50.00
Lake Inez Point 6 Group CG	\$14.00	
Lakeside Group CG	\$28.00	
Lake Alva Group CG	\$30.00	
Big Larch Group CG	\$35.00	
Pattee Canyon Picnic Sites B/C	\$25.00	
Pattee Canyon Picnic Site A	Based on group size	\$100.00

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Proposed Fee Table Continued:

Cabins & Lookouts	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Big Hole Lookout	N/A	\$45.00
Cougar Peak & UpUp LO's	\$30.00	
Driveway Peak Lookout	N/A	\$55.00
West Fork Butte Lookout	\$30.00	
Savenac East Cottage	N/A	\$80.00
Savenac West Cottage	\$40.00	
Thompson Peak Lookout	\$30.00	\$75.00
Double Arrow Lookout	\$45.00	
Monture Cabin	\$60.00	
Bend Cookhouse & Historic Ranger's Cabin	Based on group size	\$90 or \$130
Hogback Homestead	\$60.00	\$100.00
Morgan Case Homestead	\$65.00	
Savenac Bunkhouse	\$75.00	\$115.00
Savenac Cookhouse	\$80.00	

Next Steps:

Please consider providing a comment by visiting the **"how to comment"** section on the back of this brochure. The proposal and public comments received will be presented to the Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) prior to a final decision and implementation.