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NATIONAL FOREST AND GRASSLAND VISITOR MAP PRICES TO INCREASE

VERNAL, UT ... Effective February 28, 2007, the price of National Forest and Grassland visitor maps will increase to \$9.00 for paper and \$10.00 for plastic maps. Currently, these maps are sold for \$6.00 for paper and \$7.00 for plastic. The last time National Forest and Grassland visitor map prices increased was May 2000.

The Forest Service is required by law to recover costs associated with making maps available to the public. Our map sales program is self-sustaining and full cost recovery is necessary in order to remain viable. The new prices reflect an increase in the cost of map preparation, lithographic printing, and distribution to the public.

Costs have been steadily increasing since May 2000. The Forest Service is no longer recovering costs associated with making maps available to the public. An analysis of these costs revealed that these new prices are necessary for full cost recovery.

The prices for special area maps such as wilderness maps, wild and scenic river maps, and other non-standard map products are set locally. The price for these maps may also change to reflect rising costs of preparation, production, and distribution. Check with your local Forest Service office for more information.

Forest Visitor maps are available at these locations:

- Ashley National Forest, 355 North Vernal Avenue, Vernal, Utah 84078, (435) 789-1181.
- Roosevelt-Duchesne Ranger District, P.O. Box 127, Roosevelt, Utah 84066, (435) 722-5018.
- Flaming Gorge Ranger District, P.O. Box 279, Manila, UT 84046, (435) 784-3445.
- Interpretive Associations
- [The National Forest Store](http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore/) – Forest Service on-line map sales service for national forest/grassland visitor maps at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore/>
- [US Geological Survey \(USGS\) Store](http://store.usgs.gov/) - on-line sales service for many federal map products, including national forest/grassland visitor maps at: <http://store.usgs.gov/>

The Intermountain Region of the Forest Service consists of National Forest lands in Utah, Nevada, southern Idaho, western Wyoming and small portions of California and Colorado. For more information about the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service visit us on the web at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4>

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