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**FSH 2709.11 – SPECIAL USES HANDBOOK**

**CHAPTER 30 – FEE DETERMINATION**

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30 - Makes minor technical corrections throughout.

31.5 - Updates fee information.

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### **30.1 - Authority**

The authorized officer must determine and collect in advance an annual fee for special use authorizations, except as provided for by statute or regulations. See FSM 2701 and FSH 2709.11, section 30.1 of the parent text for other statutory authorities, regulations, and provisions which govern the establishment and collection of fees.

### **31 - ESTABLISHING FEES**

Review fees periodically, such as at the time when an authorization is re-issued or amended, or at set times within a long-term authorization. At a minimum, fees for each authorization should be reviewed every five years, unless otherwise specified in the authorization. Adjust fees when appropriate, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the authorization, or as established in the Alaska Region Land Use Fee Schedule.

#### **31.4 - Documentation**

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA), as amended, requires that proceeds from lands withdrawn for selection by an ANCSA corporation be deposited into an escrow account for payment to the corporation upon conveyance of the land. Similarly, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) requires that 90% of the proceeds from lands selected by the State of Alaska be held for payment to the State upon conveyance of the land. Both of these requirements apply to special use authorizations, including permits, easements, and rights-of-way.

Check land status records and/or consult with the Alaska Lands Team to determine if the authorized area is on lands that have been withdrawn for selection by an ANCSA Native corporation or on lands that have been selected by the State of Alaska. If either situation applies, plan to deposit proceeds into an escrow account and ask for assistance from Forest Budget. For additional information see FSH 6509.11k or the Region 10 supplement for FSH 5509.11, chapter 40.

#### **31.5 - Fees Established by Field Units**

Minimum fees are the lowest fees established for a particular use. Minimum fees shown in section 31.5, exhibit 01 are comparable to the flat rates used by similar State, Federal or Private/Corporate land managers across the Alaska Region. The minimum annual fee for any special-use authorization shall be \$106.23, unless otherwise specified in section 31.5, exhibit 01, or unless a higher established fee is stated in FSM 2721, FSH 2709.11, chapter 30, or elsewhere. When a higher minimum fee has been established, the higher fee shall prevail.

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Minimum fees are not subject to partial (semi-annual or quarterly) payment procedures, or proration for portions of a year. Minimum fees may be waived in full if the holder qualifies pursuant to waiver instructions in 36 CFR 251.57(b) and FSH 2709.11, section 31.

See section 31.5, exhibit 01 for the Alaska Region Land Use Fee Schedule. Fees in this schedule are adjusted annually by the Implicit Price Deflator-Gross National Product (IDP-GNP) to reflect current market values. Based on a market review conducted in 2009, the general market has been relatively static to moderately increasing for the past several years. A new base year began in CY2009. Major changes were not warranted in fees; however, the fees were rounded to the nearest \$10 beyond indexing. The fees have been updated for 2014 using the IDP-GNP.

Land use fees may be prorated. Determine land use fees beginning on the first day of the month following the effective date of the authorization through the last day of the month when the authorization terminates. For example, if an authorization became effective January 10 and terminated September 16, the rental period would be February 1 through September 30, or eight months. Minimum fees may not be prorated.

The authorized officer must apply the fee schedule to each use code. Deviation from the specified fee requires written rationale submitted to the Director of Recreation, Lands, and Minerals. Upon receipt of the staff comments, the authorized officer may exercise due discretion in establishing the fees.

The established fees reflect the market for rural, remote properties. These fees should be re-evaluated for properties in proximity to communities that have access to amenities such as electricity, water, and sewer. In such cases, the established fees are on the very low end of the scale.

See FSH 2709.11, section 36 for direction regarding specific fee systems and schedules.

## **32 - FEE ADMINISTRATION**

### **32.2 - Payment of Fees**

#### **32.21 - Consolidated Payment**

Advance payments save time and costs to the government, and are encouraged to the extent possible.

The lump-sum fee is the annual fee for the type of use, multiplied by the duration of the authorization, up to 5 years. Do not index for future years.

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### **33 - RECREATION RESIDENCE LOT FEES**

#### **33.1 - Base Fees and Annual Adjustments**

The Alaska Region Land Use Fee Schedule establishes land use fees. For purposes of adjusting land use fees in the Special Uses Data System (SUDDS) from a base year to the next subsequent year, the authorized officer may use the minimum fee as the base fee. If an independent market value has been established for the authorized use, then it must be documented in the case file.

### **36 - FEE SYSTEMS AND SCHEDULES**

#### **36.2 - Communications Site Fee Schedule**

1. Use code 805 (Local Exchange Network) refers to radio service that provides basic telephone service, primarily to rural communities. Local Exchange rates have been established and segregated by population strata.
2. The fee for use code 807 (Passive Reflector) is based on similar market fees on adjacent land ownerships. Use this fee for all passive reflectors, regardless of location.

#### **36.4 - Linear Right-of-Way Fee Schedule**

Use the fees for the Alaska Region for all National Forest System lands in Alaska except for lands located in the Municipality of Anchorage and Juneau Voting Districts 3 and 4.

Area	Fee/Acre
Alaska Region	\$50.76
Anchorage	\$101.53
Juneau, Voting Districts 3 & 4	\$1,692.15

#### **36.7 - Commercial Filming and Still Photography Fees**

Regional Commercial Filming and Still Photography fees remain in effect until a National fee schedule is implemented between the Forest Service and Department of Interior agencies.

### **37 - OUTFITTER AND GUIDE FEES**

#### **37.2 - Commercial Services Not Associated With Public Service Site**

##### **37.21 - Fees**

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**37.21a - Minimum Fee**

The minimum fee in the Alaska Region is \$106.23.

**37.21c - Fee for Commercial Use**

Flat fees for commercial outfitting and guiding uses in the Alaska Region are shown in section 37.21c, exhibit 01 of this supplement. Assess fees for any commercial use of National Forest System (NFS) lands for outfitting and guiding, even if the use is or was unauthorized.

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31.5 - Exhibit 01

Alaska Region Land Use Fee Schedule

<b>Use Code</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Definition</b> <b>** Implicit in all definitions are that these uses occur in remote settings.</b>	<b>Regional Minimum Fee or CY 2014 Fee</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
<b>100</b>	<b>Privately Owned Improvements Authorized for Groups</b>	<b>Restrict to Organized Groups, or Semi-Public or Public Agency Groups</b>		
111	Boat Dock and Wharf	Facilities that serve groups of boaters in remote site.	\$1,921.19	Recreational remote sites.
112	Club	Facilities that serve membership of private organizations.	\$1,921.19	
114	Shelter	Recreational shelter such as for trails and/or waiting sheds.	\$129.52	
116	ANILCA Shelter	Individual private use temporary facilities that fall under the provisions of Section 1316 of ANILCA.	\$453.31	For 3 months. Minimum fee is 3 months.
			\$151.10	Each additional month.
			\$906.64	Per 6 months. Maximum fee not to exceed 6 month fee.
<b>120</b>	<b>Non-Commercial, Privately Owned Improvements Authorized to Individuals</b>	<b>Privately owned facilities authorized to individuals for their own use.</b>		
121	Isolated Cabin		\$906.64	Tongass National Forest (NF).
	Isolated Cabin		\$852.67	Chugach NF – Eyak River sites.
	Isolated Cabin		\$712.35	Chugach NF – Other sites forest wide.

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<b>130</b>	<b>Lodging</b>			
131	Private Lodging	Condominiums-financed on NFS lands originally authorized for private use or private privileges.	\$3,237.97	Better sites. For new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
141	Campground, Picnic Ground	Non-Government-owned – Government-owned.	\$3,237.97	For new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
<b>200</b>	<b>Agriculture, Crops</b>	<b>Serve individual exclusive interest, not the public.</b>		
211	Cultivation	Planting and harvesting traditional farm crops.	\$140.31 per acre	Up to 5 acres. If >5 acres consult Forest Program Manager.
216	Fish Hatchery	Hatching or rearing of fish for commercial or game management.	\$3,237.97	For new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
216b	Fish Net Pens	For the rearing of small fry.	\$809.50	Minimum fee is 3 months.
			\$269.82	For each additional month.
219	Mariculture Facilities	Farming marine products in saltwater, with facilities on the uplands.	\$1,921.19	For new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
<b>220</b>	<b>Agriculture Improvements</b>			
223	Agriculture Residence	Principal places of residence related directly to agriculture.	\$1,921.19	For new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.

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<b>300</b>	<b>Sanitary Systems</b>			
342	Liquid Waste Disposal Area	Non-hazardous liquid sewage and industrial waste collection and disposal facilities.	\$3,237.97	For new inquiries consult Forest Program Manager.
<b>350</b>	<b>Community Residences</b>			
351	Residence, Privately-Owned Building	Issue only for existing privately-owned residences.	\$1,921.19	Do not authorize new uses (FSM 2723.51).
352	Residence, Government-Owned Building	The use and occupancy of all or part of Government structures when the building would otherwise be unused; when the occupancy would afford protection to the structure; and when the Government has no further need for a building not yet scheduled for disposal.	\$1,921.19	For new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
353	Residence, Alaska Term Permit Act	Permits issued under the Alaska Term Permit Act of March 30, 1948 and other Alaskan laws that cover community residence permits.	\$1,921.19	If you are considering this use consult Forest Program Manager.
<b>360</b>	<b>Service Uses</b>			
361	School	All education institutions except education centers, observatories, training, and demonstration areas.	\$1,921.19	For new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
362	Service Building	Other community service facilities, such as jails, police stations, firehouses, medical offices, and so forth.	\$3,237.97	For new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
366	Parking Lot		\$129.52	<2,000 sq. feet. If >2000 sq. feet and for all new uses consult Forest Program Manager.
<b>370</b>	<b>Encroachments</b>			
371	Cabin (invalid mining claim)	Arise through illegal use of buildings originally or ostensibly built for mining purposes under the 1872 Mining Law. Authorize use only as interim measure to resolve the encroachment and ensure that permits are of the shortest possible duration.	\$906.64	

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372	Residence	Occurs through survey errors, improperly marked boundaries, and so forth. Quite often only a portion of the structure encroaches on NFS lands.		Call Regional Office (RO) or Supervisor's Office (SO) Special Uses (SU) Program Manager for advice.
374	Cabin Predating ANILCA	Cabins that were occupying NFS lands at the enactment of ANILCA but were not authorized under a special use permit.	\$906.64	No new uses should be authorized.
<b>420</b>	<b>Research</b>	<b>Sites for a variety of studies, research, training, cultural resources.</b>		
421	Experimental and Demonstration	Temporary or permanent sites for monitoring or modifications to the area or a particular resource. Activities not related to Forest Service projects.	\$453.31	For 3 months. Minimum fee is 3 months.
			\$151.10	Each additional month. Maximum fee not to exceed 6 month fee.
			\$906.64	Per 6 months. Maximum fee not to exceed 6 month fee.
422	Research Study	Non-specific studies for a wide range of academic interests.	\$453.31	Per 3 months. Minimum use is 3 months.
			\$151.10	Each additional month. Maximum fee not to exceed 6 month fee.
			\$906.64	Per 6 months. Maximum fee not to exceed 6 month fee.

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<b>430</b>	<b>Training</b>			
431	Military Training Area	Federal and State military training activities and sites.	\$3,237.97	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new uses consult Forest Program Manager.
432	Education Center	Education facilities that are not physically part of a community school system.	\$1,921.19	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new uses consult Forest Program Manager.
<b>500</b>	<b>Industry Camps</b>			
511	Construction Camps and Residences	Camps, cabins, or residences to house personnel employed in road, logging, and other industries. This designation also includes prisons camps.	\$3,237.97	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new uses consult Forest Program Manager.
512	Commercial Fishing Camp	Authorized site and facilities are directly and necessarily related to commercial fishing. Permit holder must have Alaska limited entry permit. Authorized facilities are temporary in nature.	\$453.31	Minimum fee for up to 3 months.
			\$151.10	Each additional month. Maximum fee not to exceed 6 month fee.
			\$906.64	Per 6 months. Maximum fee not to exceed 6 month fee.
513	Commercial Fishing Cabin (or Warehouse)	Authorization pre-dates ANILCA and the authorized site and facilities are directly and necessarily related to commercial fishing. Permit holder must have Alaska limited entry permit.	\$906.64	

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514 00133	Temporary Camps	Temporary camps, tent platforms for Trapping, ADF&G, and other commercial uses.	\$453.31	Minimum fee for up to 3 months
			\$151.10	Each additional month. Maximum fee not to exceed 6 month fee.
			\$906.64	Per 6 months. Maximum fee not to exceed 6 month fee.
<b>520</b>	<b>Storage</b>			
521	Warehouse and Storage Yard	Storage areas with some improvements constructed on them. The stored items usually consist of equipment or material goods.	\$3,237.97	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
522	Stockpile Site	Bulk storage of sand or gravel, and so on. Site does not have significant improvements associated with the storage use.	\$3,237.97	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
523	Crab Pot Storage	Storage area for commercial fishing gear.	\$140.31	<2,000 sq feet. If >2,000 sq. feet and for all new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
<b>530</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>			
531	Processing Plant	Buildings and other structures needed for the manufacture or packing of a product. Examples include canning or packing plants, factories, and sawmills.	\$3,237.97	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
533	Batch and Mixing Plant	Facilities for preparation of road construction materials, usually project-related. Most are of a short-term nature.	\$3,237.97	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.

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<b>550</b>	<b>Arts</b>			
551	Still Photography	1 to 10 persons on site.	\$140.31	Per day.
		11 to 30 persons on site.	\$205.07	Per day.
		Over 30 persons on site.	\$334.59	Per day.
552	Commercial Filming	1 to 10 persons on site.	\$205.07	Per day.
		11 to 30 persons on site.	\$269.83	Per day.
		31 to 60 persons on site.	\$679.97	Per day.
		Over 60 persons on site.	\$744.74	Per day.
<b>700</b>	<b>Transportation</b>			
711	Aircraft Facilities	Sites used for the takeoff and landing of aircraft, and related facilities.	\$3,237.97	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
712	Hangar and Service Facility	Structures related to airport where the airport itself is not on NFS land.	\$3,237.97	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
<b>720</b>	<b>Marine</b>			
721	Mooring Point	Minor uses along waterways for securing boats or other water craft to the land. No improvements at such sites.	\$106.23	Minimum fee.
722	Boat Dock, Wharf, Pier	Improvements used for securing watercraft. Range from minor pilings for log raft operations to larger pier facilities.	\$3,237.97	Up to 2 acres. If > 2 acres and for new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
725	Navigation Aid	Beacon, buoy marker, and others. Generally non-electronic signaling or locating devices assisting operators of water craft to determine their positions.	\$106.23	Minimum fee.

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<b>800</b>	<b>Communications Use</b>	<b>See FSH 2709.11, Section 36.2</b>		Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U) index factor.
805	Local Exchange Network	Radio service that provides basic telephone service primarily to rural communities.		
		1 to 100 people served.	\$159.24	
		101 to 500 people served.	\$467.10	
		501 to 1,000 people served.	\$774.98	
		Over 1,000 people served.	Full Common Carrier fee	
807	Passive Reflector	Non-powered reflector devices to bend or ricochet electronic signals point-to-point.	\$1,263.30	All passive reflectors, regardless of location.
<b>900</b>	<b>Water (non-power generating), Water Transmission</b>			
923	Water Diversion, Weir	Private residence or similar insignificant use.	\$106.23	For less than <1,000 sq. ft. If >1,000 sq. ft. and for new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.
941	Stream Gauging Station	Non-navigable freshwater.	\$106.23	For less than <1,000 sq. ft. If >1,000 sq. ft. and for new authorizations consult Forest Program Manager.

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37.21c - Exhibit 01

Alaska Region - Flat Fee Schedule for 2014

Activity	2014 Flat Fees
<b>General Recreation</b>	\$5.31
Road-Based Nature Tours	\$5.31
Remote-Setting Nature Tours	\$5.31
Flight-Seeing Landing Tours	\$5.31
Helicopter Landing Tours	\$5.31
Non-motorized Freshwater Boat Trips	\$5.31
Dog Sled Tours	\$5.31
Camping	\$5.31
Road-Based Wildlife Viewing	\$5.31
Remote Wildlife Viewing	\$5.31
<b>Visitor Centers</b>	\$1.60
<b>Over-Snow Vehicle Tours</b>	\$10.63
<b>Heli-Skiing Tours</b>	\$10.63
<b>Freshwater Fishing</b>	\$10.63
<b>Waterfowl and Small Game (Including Wolf) Hunting</b>	\$10.63
<b>Brown Bear:</b> Per Hunt (includes Day Use and Camping)	\$350.57
<b>Black Bear:</b> Per Hunt (includes Day Use and Camping)	\$159.35
<b>Elk:</b> Per Hunt (includes Day Use and Camping)	\$212.46
<b>Moose:</b> Per Hunt (includes Day Use and Camping)	\$212.46
<b>Mountain Goats:</b> Per Hunt (includes Day Use and Camping)	\$212.46
<b>Dall Sheep:</b> Per Hunt (includes Day Use and Camping)	\$212.46
<b>Deer:</b> Per Hunt (includes Day Use and Camping)	\$106.23
Delivery and/or Pick-Up of Motorized and Non-motorized Equipment, Such as Kayaks, Over-Snow Vehicles, and Camping Equipment, to National Forest System lands	\$10.63 total per day – no limit on equipment numbers, or numbers of trips