



## Flathead National Forest

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# News Release

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## Flathead National Forest Delays Day Use Fee at Holland Lake

KALISPELL, MONT – Flathead National Forest (FNF) is delaying implementation of a day use fee at the Holland Lake Day Use Area. Earlier this year the Forest announced there would be a five dollar fee charged at the area to be consistent with day use fees across the forest. Concern over the fee was expressed by area residents and the delay will allow further discussion between the forest and the public. There is a joint Swan Valley Community Council and Missoula County Commissioner meeting scheduled to provide the community an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns about the implementation of day use fees at Holland Lake. The public meeting will be July 15, 2014, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Swan Valley Community Center in Condon, Montana.

The Holland Lake Day Use Area is among the campgrounds and recreation areas operated by the forest concessionaire Barta Enterprises Inc., known locally as Flathead Valley Campgrounds. There are two other changes that already went in to effect this year.

- 1) Campground fees will be charged per camping unit such as one RV or one vehicle combined with a tent, camper or trailer. A five dollar fee will be charged for each additional vehicle.
- 2) The day use area at the Swan Lake Campground can no longer be reserved and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Forest campers and visitors are reminded that by law all food and food-related items must be stored in a bear-resistant manner. The Flathead National Forest is home to grizzly and black bears, and responsible human actions will help with unwanted bear encounters. Campers are also reminded to be careful with fire. Never leave a fire unattended and be sure the fire is "dead out" before leaving. If you plan to hike, be aware that conditions may be different than usual for this time of year on wilderness and upper-elevation trails. A combination of recent upper-elevation snow and recent heavy runoff is blocking traditional routes that hikers often use this time of year. Some water-crossings may be unsafe to cross on foot or with stock.

For more information about campgrounds, fees and food storage regulations on the Flathead National Forest, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/flathead/>. For the latest information on conditions and openings contact your local Forest Service office:

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