



United States
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Forest Service

Shasta-Trinity
National Recreation Area

Shasta Lake Unit

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Date:

Dear Permit Holder:

As required by Forest Service policy and under the terms of your special use permit, the Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area is currently in the process of reviewing annual Recreation Occupancy Vessel (ROV) special use permit fees.

Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations states in part: *Special use authorizations...shall require the payment in advance of an annual rental fee as determined by the authorized officer. The fee will be based upon the fair market value of the rights and privileges authorized as determined by appraisal or other sound business management principles....*

Forest Service policy states the following:

- *Establish and collect fees that reflect fair market value...as determined by appraisal or other sound business management principles....*
- *The Regional Forester is responsible for coordinating regional fee reviews.... Establishment of regional minimum fees...and to update the fees yearly using the appropriate index and provide for review every 5 years....*
- *The Authorized Officer is responsible for establishing a fee based on fair market value of each use when there is no established regional or national fee schedule....*

Clause VI.B. in your special use permit states: *"...Provided, charges for this use shall be made or readjusted whenever necessary to place the charges on a basis commensurate with the fair market value of the authorized use."*

The last fee review for ROV's was done in 1998, and there has not been a process in place to index the fees annually. Therefore, the Forest Service is long overdue for review and evaluation of your permit fee. To assist in this fee review and to determine the fair market value of this use, the Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Regional Office, has contracted with PGP Valuation, Inc., to conduct an objective appraisal of the authorized use. Lance Dore of PGP Valuation Inc. is a qualified/certified appraiser, and has met with the Forest Service to discuss the process that will be used.

Since individual ROV permit holders may desire an opportunity to meet with the appraiser to identify pertinent concerns that may influence the appraised value or to clarify "how" the value of the authorized use is being determined, there will be a meeting open to all ROV permit holders and any other interested citizens, on **Saturday, October 24, 2009**. The meeting will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Shasta Trinity National Forest headquarters at 3644 Avtech Parkway in Redding. Please see attached map for directions.



If you cannot make this meeting but would still like to comment directly to the appraiser, please send written comments to:

Lance W. Dore, MAI, FRICS, Vice President - Client Services
PGP Valuation Inc. /Colliers International
Symphony Towers Building
750 B Street, Suite 3250
San Diego, California 92101

Comments must be received no later than November 1, 2009.

The process of appraising the value for this authorized use of public lands is expected to be concluded by the spring of 2010. Following review and acceptance of the appraisal report, affected permit holders will be notified and another meeting will be scheduled to review the results. The actual fee determination will be done subsequent to the appraisal – sometime later in calendar year 2010.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the permit fee review. I'm sure there will be many questions as we work through the process, and we will do our best to be timely and responsive to those questions.

Sincerely,

KRISTY COTTINI
District Ranger

Enclosed - Map