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FOREST SERVICE PROPOSES TO INCREASE FEES AT PAYNE LAKE RECREATION AREA

Brent, AL – November 21, 2006. The Forest Service is proposing to increase camping fees at Payne Lake Recreation Area located in the Talladega National Forest – Oakmulgee District in Hale County.

The increase in fees would continue to provide support for further improvements at the Payne Lake Recreation Area as all fees are returned to the site from which they were collected.

Forest Service officials are asking the public to provide written comments until December 15, 2006.

Consideration of the amount of increase in fees is based on a market analysis of what other similar campgrounds are charging in the west Alabama region. Fees per night for campsites with water and electricity would be raised from \$13.00 to \$16.00, sites with water only would be raised from \$7.00 to \$10.00, and primitive sites would be raised from \$4.00 to \$6.00.

If you wish to comment on this proposal send your written comments to: William Dunk, Natural Resources Specialist, 9901 Highway 5, Brent, AL 35034; or call 205-926-9765. Your comments would be most helpful if received no later than December 15, 2006.