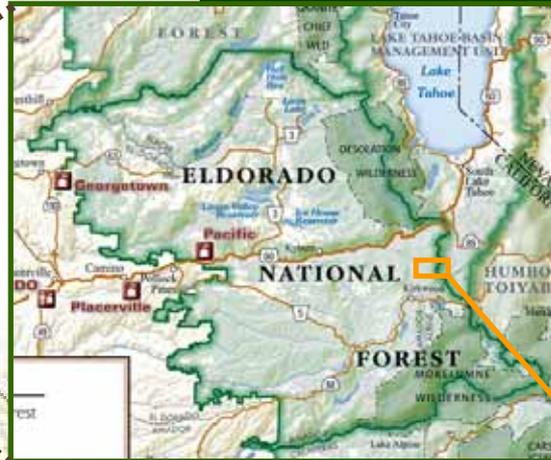


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*Recreation Fees at Work*

## Eldorado National Forests New Standard Amenity Fee Proposal



Woods Lake Picnic Area



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*Woods Lake*

### Woods Lake Picnic Area

- Eight accessible picnic sites with table & pedestal grills – one vault toilet
- Open June 1st and September 15<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting)
- Popular fishing lake & access to hiking trails into Mokelumne Wilderness



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**Site**

**Proposed Fee**

**O & M**

**Deferred  
Maintenance**

**Woods Lake Picnic Area**

**\$5**

**\$6,000**

**\$10,000**





## *Why do we need to add these new fees?*

- To meet rising operation and maintenance costs – includes site cleaning, pumping of vault toilet, trash collection, trailhead signing, and visitor information & education.
- To align fee with local markets.
- Install new bear proof trash containers at Woods Lake.



**US Forest Service - Region 5  
Recreation Fee Proposals - New Fees  
Summary of Public Involvement**

**Eldorado National Forest: Proposed New Fees**

**Includes public involvement efforts & comments as of May 20, 2008**

**Summary of New Fee Proposals:**

Site/Service	Current Price	Proposed Price
Woods Lake Picnic/Day Use Area	\$0	\$5/day or \$20 Annual Pass

**Public Participation Activities:**

Public Participation Tasks	Date(s)
Posted notice at recreation sites inviting comments on proposed fee changes.	July 13, 2007
Ran public notice announcing new fee changes in Tahoe Daily Tribune.	June 14 & 19, 2007
Posted notice of proposed new fees in the Federal Register as required in REA.	May 14, 2007
Published press releases announcing proposed fee changes in Mountain Democrat.	June 7 and July 18, 2007
Article published in the Mountain Democrat explaining how fee revenues were used in 2006.	August 27, 2007
Article published in the Tahoe Daily Tribune about fee changes.	July 4, 2007
Press release sent out to Eldorado NF employees announcing proposed fee changes.	June 7, 2007
Posted information on proposed fee changes on forest's web sites.	June 13, 2007 (LTBMU) and June 6 (Eldorado NF)
Briefed local Congressional Staff on proposed fee changes. Included Senators Boxer and Feinstein's offices, and Congressmans Doolittle and Lungren's offices.	July 12, 2007

**Public Participation Results:**

<b>Method of Communication</b>	<b>Summary of Comments- as of 5/20/08</b>
<b>Posted On-site Notices</b>	Two letters received from Woods Lake recreation cabin owners who use the Woods Lake Picnic Area as a place to park their vehicles when staying at their cabins. They request to be exempt from a day use fee. The forest will provide two annual day use passes to all (approximately 8) cabin owners at Woods Lake.
<b>Press Releases &amp; News Story - Mountain Democrat</b>	Two phone calls in support of modest fee increases to help provide and maintain recreation opportunities for the public.
<b>Public Notice &amp; News Story - Tahoe Daily Tribune</b>	None received
<b>Forest's Web Site Postings</b>	None received
<b>General Customer Feedback</b>	None received
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	None received
<b>Elected Officials Briefing</b>	None received