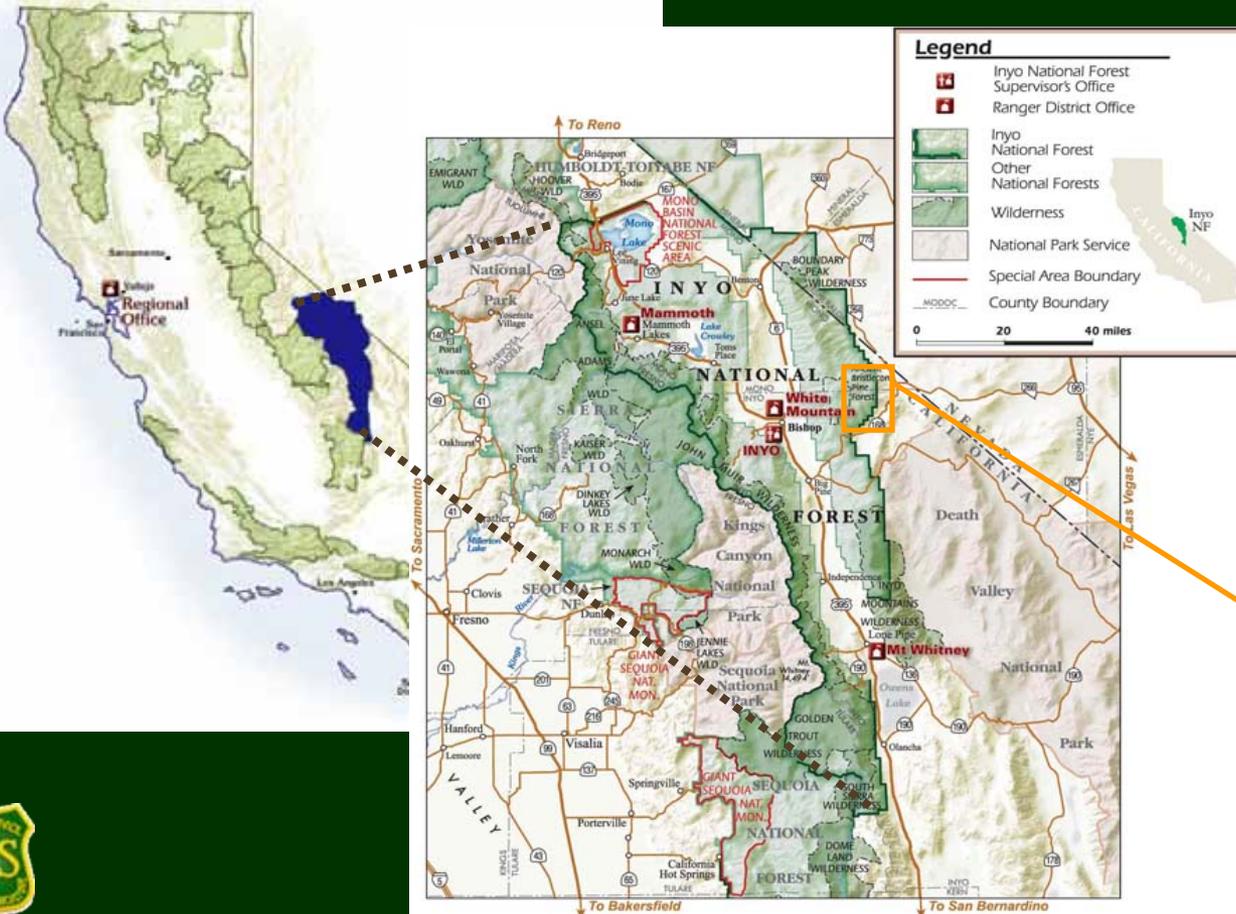


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Recreation Fees at Work

Inyo National Forest New Expanded Amenity Campground Fee Proposal



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Cedar Flat Group Camps

- Open June - October
- Vault toilets, tables, fire rings, & trash
- Popular base camp for academic geology field studies

Ferguson and Noren Group Campgrounds

- 2 camps accommodating 25 people each

Camp Nelson Group Campground

- 1 camp accommodating 50 people





Campground Site	Proposed Fee/ Night	O & M	Deferred Maintenance
Cedar Flats Group Camps		\$2,000	\$0
• Ferguson Group CG	\$25		
• Noren Group CG	\$25		
• Camp Nelson Group CG	\$35		





Why propose new fees?

- To meet rising operation and maintenance costs – includes site cleaning, pumping of vault toilet and trash collection.
- To align fee with local markets



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

Inyo National Forest: Proposed New Fees

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

Summary of Fee Proposal:

Site/Service	Current Price	Proposed Price
Cedar Flat Group Camps	\$0	\$25/night (Ferguson & Noren), \$35 (Nelson)

Public Participation Activities:

Public Participation Tasks	Date(s)
Verbally discussed fee concept with current users of the camps.	Summer 2007
Placed notice of proposed new fee in the Federal Register.	December 20, 2007
Placed news release on Forest web site.	February 29, 2008
Newspaper article in the Inyo Register and Mammoth Times.	February 29, 2008
News spots on local radio stations - KIBS, KBOV (Bishop) and KMMT (Mammoth Lakes).	February 29 through March 3, 2008
Letters sent to all recorded users of camps.	February & March 2008
Presentation at local Coalition of Chamber of Commerce Meeting.	March 20, 2008
Communicated with local elected officials & Congressional staffs.	February 19 - 21, 2008
Post notices of new fees on site.	September 2007

Public Participation Results:

Method of Communication	Summary of Comments- as of 5/20/08
Verbal Discussions with Camp Users	Users supported the fee because fees stay on site to maintain the facilities.
Federal Register Notice	No comments received.
News Release on Forest Web Site	No comments received.
Newspaper & Radio	No comments received.
Letters to Camp Users	Three responses - all support the lowest possible fee to help support operation and maintenance, want to keep fees affordable as they are academic groups on a limited budget.
Chamber of Commerce Meeting Presentation	Informal comments supporting fees as long as they stay on site to support operation and maintenance and ensure that site is kept open.
Posted On-site Notices	No comments received
Elected Officials Briefing	Information provided to congressional officials, thanked us for informing but had no input on proposal. County Supervisor mentioned he would not support fee if money "went to Washington" but was "okay with it" if money stayed locally to help maintenance.