

# California National Forests

## *Recreation Fees at Work*

### Shasta-Trinity National Forests New Standard Amenity Fee Proposal



Fisherman's Point Picnic Area





## Fisherman's Point Picnic Area

- Located in the Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area near the Dam
- Seven picnic sites with tables & pedestal grills – one flush toilet
- Fisherman's Point Trail provides lake access
- Popular for lakeshore fishing access, relaxing, & picnicking





Site	Proposed Fee	O & M	Deferred Maintenance
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Fisherman's Point Picnic Area	\$3	\$29,727	\$15,945
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## *Why do we need to add these new fees?*

- To meet rising operation and maintenance costs – includes site cleaning, trash collection, and visitor information & education.
- To align fee with local markets.
- Replace toilet roof at Fisherman's Point Picnic Area.



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

Shasta-Trinity 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
Fisherman's Point Picnic/Day Use Site	No Fee	\$3/day/vehicle
Big Bar Campground	No Fee	\$8/night, \$5 extra vehicle fee
Ripstein Campground	No Fee	\$10/night, \$5 extra vehicle fee
Scott Flat Campground	No Fee	\$10 night, \$5 extra vehicle fee

**Public Participation Activities:**

Public Participation Tasks	Date(s)
Met with Shasta Dam Bureau of Reclamation personnel to discuss new fee proposal.	August 17, 2007
Placed notice of proposed new fee in the Federal Register.	September 13, 2007
Placed news release on Forest web site and sent to radio stations and local newspapers.	August 29 and 30, 2007
News spot on KRCR TV News Channel 7.	Approx. 8/31/07
News spot on National Public Radio.	Approx. 8/31/07
Communicated with local elected officials & Congressional staffs.	September 26, 2007
Post notices of new fees on site.	September 2, 2007 - ongoing
Personal discussions with groups/partners - Partners-A-Float, Backcountry Horsemen, Outfitter & Guides	Various and ongoing

**Public Participation Results:**

Method of Communication	Summary of Comments- as of 5/20/08
Meeting with Bureau of Reclamation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BOR position is neutral. Offered assistance with opening/closing of the gate to increase security in and around Shasta Dam. Anticipate an increase in use at the BOR free site at the Dam.</li> </ul>
Federal Register Notice	No comments received.
News Release on Forest Web Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding Fisherman's Point - Received one written comment expressing concern that a day use fee could</li> </ul>

	<p>make it unaffordable for seniors and young low income families to have a free and safe access to Shasta Lake for hiking, picnicking, and fishing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campgrounds - Local resort owner stated that the proposed fees were not high enough to bridge the competitive pricing gap between public and private campgrounds.</li> </ul>
<b>Newspaper &amp; Radio</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter regarding Ripstein CG requesting that site remain free and expressing concern for lower income people who like to camp on the National Forest.</li> </ul>
<b>Partner Discussions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Bar, Scott Bar, &amp; Ripstein CGs - Several commercial outfitter &amp; guide rafting companies expressed opposition to charging a day use fee at these Trinity River campgrounds.</li> <li>• The Cox Bar Elementary School principal expressed support for a fee to help address the long standing problem of occupancy at the Big Bar CG.</li> </ul>
<b>Posted On-site Notices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Bar CG - one letter received in opposing charging a fee - "some campgrounds still need to be free".</li> </ul>
<b>Elected Officials Briefing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received e-mail response from Congressman Herger's staff stating they had heard from one constituent regarding Fisherman's Point expressing concern about seniors on fixed incomes and wanting to keep some areas free.</li> </ul>