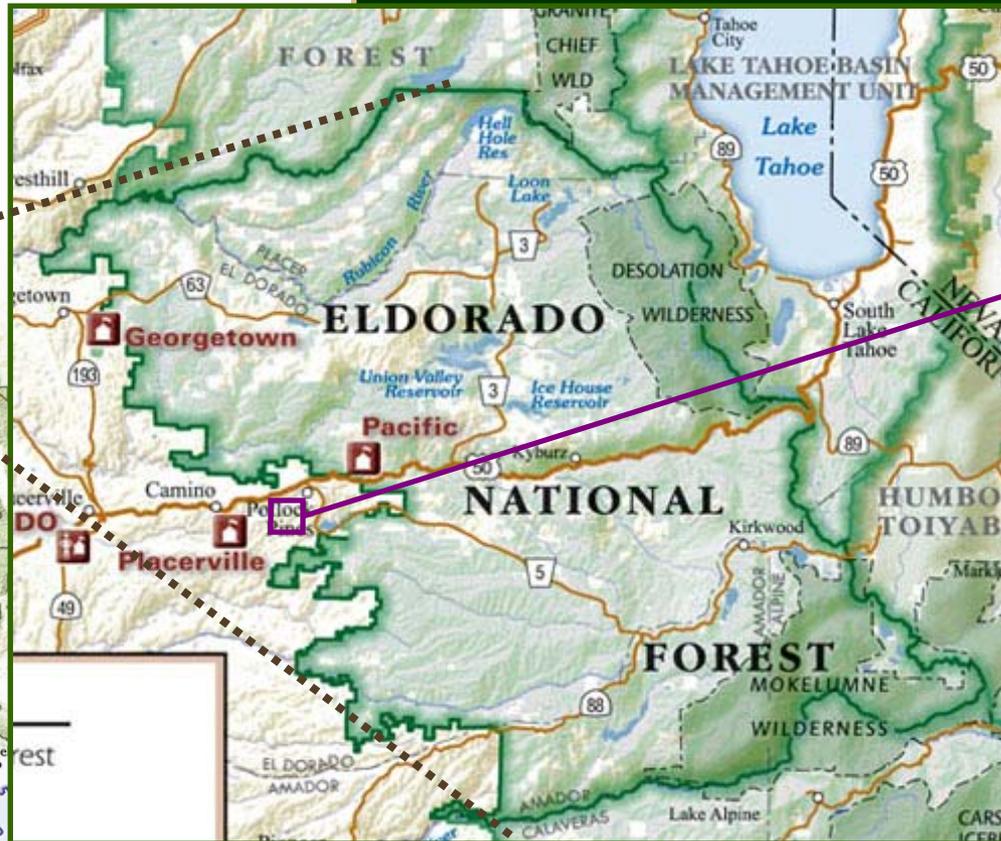


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## *Recreation Fees at Work*

### Eldorado National Forest New Expanded Amenity Fee Proposal



Sly Guard Cabin



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*Sly Guard Cabin is a reconditioned Forest Service guard station located near Pollock Pines and located near multiple recreation opportunities.*

Site	Current Fee	Proposed New Fee	Annual O & M	Deferred Maintenance	Last Increase
<b>Sly Guard Cabin</b>	N/A	\$65	\$5,400	\$4,620	N/A





## *Why propose a new fee for Sly Guard Cabin?*

- To provide a new recreation rental opportunity to visitors
- To complete deferred maintenance and general operation & maintenance
- To purchase furnishings and prepare cabin for use



**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 December 17, 2007**

**Summary of New Fee Proposals:**

Site/Service	Current Price	Proposed Price
Sly Guard Station	Not Available	\$65/night

**Public Participation Activities:**

Public Participation Tasks	Date(s)
Posted notice at Sly Guard Cabin inviting comments on proposed new fee.	June 21, 2007 (Sly Guard Cabin)
Posted notice at Lovers Leap CG inviting comments on proposed new fee.	2006 and 2007 summer season
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
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 6, 2007
Posted notice of proposed new fees in the Federal Register as required in REA.	May 14, 2007
Letter sent to residents near the Sly Guard Cabin announcing proposed new fee.	June 21, 2007
Letter sent to residents near Lovers Leap CG and local climbing groups announcing proposed new fee.	June 19, 2007
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 12/17/07</b>
<b>Posted On-site Notices - Lovers Leap CG</b>	<p>Notes and graffiti at site opposing new fees at Lovers Leap CG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 notes opposing fees, recommend use of volunteers and donations.</li> <li>• 1 note suggests use of "self maintenance".</li> </ul> <p>1 letter received in support of fees, keep site "as it is" and don't operate via concessionaire.</p>
<b>Posted on-site notices - Sly Guard Cabin</b>	None received
<b>Press Releases &amp; News Story</b>	Two phone calls in support of modest fee increases to help provide and maintain recreation opportunities for the public.
<b>Forest Web Site Posting</b>	One phone call requesting to reserve the Sly Guard Station for the weekend. One e-mail requesting no fee policy at Lovers Leap to "allow families of modest means to enjoy the beauty of the forest", and one e-mail expressing support for the proposed new fee and a desire to "not put the site under the concessionaire program".
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	None received
<b>Letters to Neighbors</b>	<p>Received 1 letter and 1 phone call in support of fees at Lovers Leap CG.</p> <p>Several phone conversations with the Access Fund; generally supportive of the fee at Lovers Leap CG and recognize need for funding and additional presence.</p>
<b>Elected Officials Briefing</b>	No comments received
<b>General Customer Feedback</b>	Many visitors to recreation rental cabins and lookouts comment on their enjoyment of the experience and many are return guests.