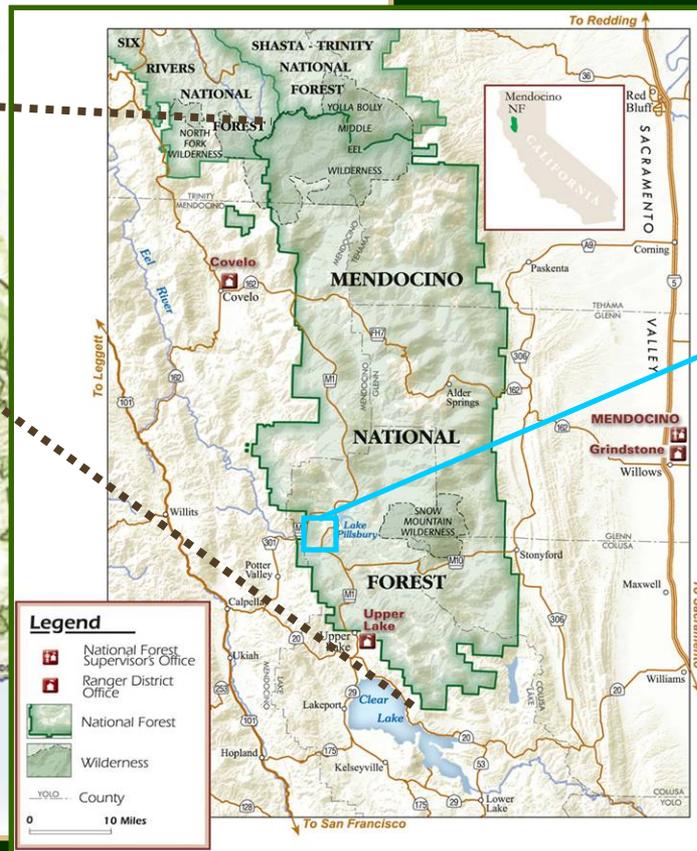


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## Recreation Fees at Work

### Mendocino National Forest Expanded Amenity Fee Increase Proposal



Pine Mountain Lookout



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## *Recreation Fees at Work*

*The Pine Mountain Lookout is a very popular recreation rental.*

Site	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Annual O & M	Deferred Maintenance	Last Increase
Pine Mountain Lookout	\$50	\$50*	\$5,490	\$14,271	2002

\*This fee is a new fee under REA. Between 2002 and 2006, it was rented under L&WCF



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## *Recreation Fees at Work*

### *How are recreation fees used?*

- Painting the interior and exterior of the building to maintain its historic value
- Replace wooden picnic table with a concrete table



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## *Recreation Fees at Work*

### *Why charge a recreation fee under REA?*

- To meet rising operation and maintenance costs
- To continue to provide a recreation rental opportunity to visitors
- To complete deferred maintenance and general operation & maintenance



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

**Mendocino National Forest: Fee Increase Proposals**

**Includes public involvement efforts & comments as of December 15, 2007**

**Summary of Fee Proposals:**

<b>Site/Service</b>	<b>Current Price</b>	<b>Proposed Price</b>
Pine Mountain Lookout	\$50/night	\$50/night - change in fee structure from G-T to REA
Middle Creek CG single site/double site	\$6/night/\$10 night	\$8/night/\$12/night
Middle Creek Extra Vehicle	No fee	\$2/vehicle
Main Letts CG	\$10/night	\$12/night
Saddle Camp CG	\$10/night	\$12/night
Spillway CG	\$10/night	\$12/night
Stirrup CG	\$10/night	\$12/night
Mill Valley CG	\$8/night	\$10/night
Plaskett CG	\$8/night	\$10/night
Eel River CG	\$6/night	\$8/night
Hammerhorn CG	\$6/night	\$8/night
Sycamore Grove CG	\$12/night, showers \$.25/2 minutes	\$16/night, \$25/night for partial hook-up sites/night, \$30/night double site, showers no change
Camp Discovery Group CG	\$75/day use or \$150/night	\$100/day use or \$175/night
Gray Pine Group CG	\$50/night	\$75/night
Masterson Group CG	\$50/night	\$75/night

**Public Participation Activities:**

<b>Public Participation Tasks</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
Posted notice at recreation sites inviting comments on proposed fee changes.	June - September 2007
Published press releases announcing proposed fee changes in local newspapers (Clear Lake Observer, Ukiah Daily Journal, Lake County Record Bee, Middletown Times Star, Press Democrat, San Francisco Chronicle & Willits News and on local radio stations (KWNE, KNTI, KXBX, KWTR, KFTY, & KUKI).	May 1, 2007
Posted information on proposed fee changes on forest's web sites.	May 2007
Briefed local Congressional Staff on proposed fee changes.	May 2007

**Public Participation Results:**

<b>Method of Communication</b>	<b>Summary of Comments- as of 12/15/07</b>
<b>Posted On-site Notices</b>	Received one comment not in support of a fee increase at the Eel River Campground.
<b>Press Releases &amp; News Story</b>	None received
<b>Forest Web Site Posting</b>	None 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.
<b>Elected Officials Briefing</b>	None received