



California National Forests

Recreation Fees at Work

Eldorado National Forest Expanded Amenity Fee Increase Proposals



Loon Lake Chalet

Van Vleck
Bunkhouse

Robbs Hut



California National Forests

Recreation Fees at Work



1. Loon Lake Chalet

- Accessible year round by vehicle
- Accommodates 20 people
- Popular recreation activities include cross country skiing, snow play, hiking, boating, fishing, and swimming



2. Van Vleck Bunkhouse

- Sits on the edge of Van Vleck Meadow and overlooks the mountains within Desolation Wilderness
- Accessible in the summer by vehicle and in the winter by snowmobiles and skis
- Accommodates eight people

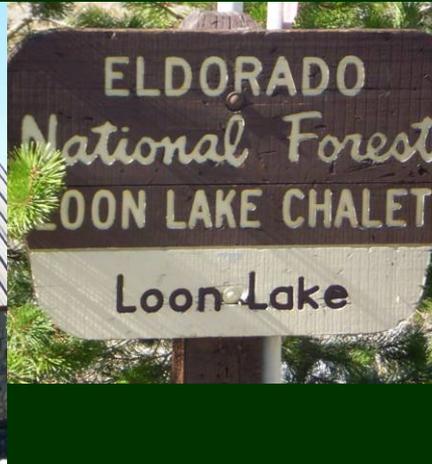
3. Robbs Hut

- Located on top of Robbs Peak and overlooks the Crystal Range of the Sierras
- Accessible in the summer by vehicle and in the winter by snowmobiles and skis
- Accommodates six people



California National Forests

Recreation Fees at Work



Site	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Annual O & M	Deferred Maintenance	Last Increase
Loon Lake Chalet	\$75	\$100	\$18,900	\$0	2004
Van Vleck Bunkhouse	\$65	\$75	\$7,200	\$30	2004
Robbs Hut	\$45	\$65	\$11,200	\$0	2004



California National Forests

Recreation Fees at Work

How recreation fees are used?

- Perform general operation and maintenance of cabins & lookout
- New septic system and new carpet were installed at the Loon Lake Chalet
- Solar electric system for pumping well water was installed at the Van Vleck Bunkhouse



Robbs Hut



California National Forests

Recreation Fees at Work

Why increase fees?

- To meet rising operation and maintenance costs
- Contribute to the cost of repairing or replacing roofing and decking at Loon Lake Chalet
- Contribute to the cost of installing accessible sidewalks, new windows, and siding at Van Vleck Bunkhouse



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

Eldorado National Forest & Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU):

Proposed Fee Increases

Includes public involvement efforts & comments as of October 1, 2007

Summary of Fee Proposals:

Site/Service - Eldorado NF	Current Price	Proposed Price
Jones Fork CG	\$8/night	\$10/night
Strawberry Point CG	\$8/night	\$10/night
Wrights Lake CG	\$18/night	\$20/night
Wrights Lake CG Vehicle Fee	\$5/vehicle	\$5/vehicle
Northwind CG	\$8/night	\$10/night
Wrights Lake Equestrian CG	\$18/night	\$20/night
Wrights Lake Equestrian CG Vehicle Fee	\$5/vehicle	\$5/vehicle
Northshore CG	\$8/night	\$10/night
Robbs Hut	\$45/night	\$65/night
Loon Lake Chalet	\$75/night	\$100/night
Van Vleck Bunkhouse	\$65/night	\$75/night
Woods Lake Trailhead (daily/annual)*	\$3/vehicle/\$20	\$5/vehicle/\$20
Carson Pass Trailhead (daily/annual)*	\$3/vehicle/\$20	\$5/vehicle/\$20
Pyramid Creek Trailhead (daily/annual)*	\$3/vehicle/\$20	\$5/vehicle/\$20
Meiss Trailhead (daily/annual)*	\$3/vehicle/\$20	\$5/vehicle/\$20
Site/Service - LTBMU	Current Price	Proposed Price
Eagle Falls Trailhead (daily/annual)*	\$3/vehicle/\$20	\$5/vehicle/\$20

* Proposal review postponed to next meeting due to time constraints

Public Participation Activities:

Public Participation Tasks	Date(s)
Posted notice at recreation sites inviting comments on proposed fee changes.	June 5, 2007 - present (LTBMU), June 19, 2007 (Pyramind Creek TH), and July 13, 2007 (all other sites on Eldorado NF)
Ran public notice announcing proposed fee changes in Tahoe Daily Tribune.	June 14 & 19, 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.	July 12, 2007 and July 13, 2007

Public Participation Results:

Method of Communication	Summary of Comments- as of 10/1/07
Posted On-site Notices	None received
Press Releases & News Story - Mountain Democrat	Two phone calls in support of modest fee increases to help provide and maintain recreation opportunities for the public.
Public Notice & News Story - Tahoe Daily Tribune	None received
Forest's Web Site Postings	One phone call requesting to reserve the Sly Guard Station for the weekend.
General Customer Feedback	Many visitors to recreation rental cabins and lookouts comment on their enjoyment of the experience and many are return guests.
Elected Officials Briefing	None received