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Recreation Fees at Work

Northshore CG

- Located on Loon Lake within the Crystal Basin Recreation Area
- 15 unit campground
- Popular activities in the area include boating, fishing, and OHV use (Rubicon OHV Trail)

Northwind CG (9 units) & Strawberry Point CG (10 units)

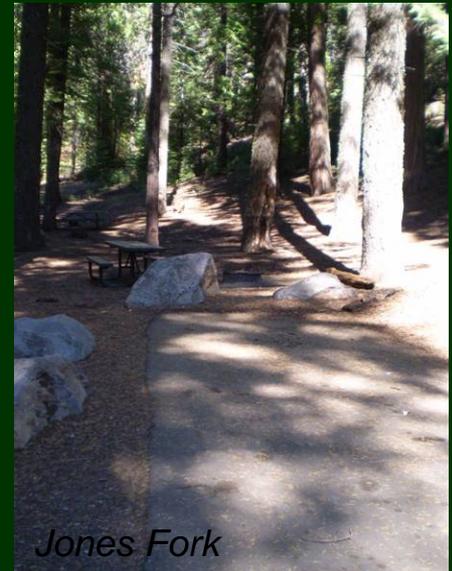
- Located on the Ice House Reservoir within the Crystal Basin Recreation Area
- Popular activities in the area include boating, fishing, hiking, and mountain biking

Wrights Lake Equestrian CG (15 units) & Wright Lake CG (67 units)

- Popular activities in the area include non-motorized boating, fishing, hiking, and mountain biking
- Interpretive programs are offered and include amphitheater programs, a Jr. Ranger Program, and interpretive walks

Jones Fork CG

- Located on Union Valley Reservoir within the Crystal Basin Recreation Area
- 10 unit campground
- Constructed 15 years ago



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Site	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Proposed Additional Fee	Annual O & M	Deferred Maintenance	Last Increase
Jones Fork CG	\$8	\$10		\$7,900	\$0	2004
Northshore CG	\$8	\$10		\$9,800	\$0	2004
Northwind CG	\$8	\$10		\$7,800	\$100	2004
Strawberry Point CG	\$8	\$10		\$10,000	\$100	2004
Wrights Lake Equestrian CG	\$18	\$20	Extra Vehicle \$5	\$8,600	\$0	2004
Wrights Lake CG	\$18	\$20	Double Site \$36 Extra Vehicle \$5	\$55,600	\$0	2004



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How recreation fees are used:

- Campground operation & maintenance and visitor services – maintaining cleanliness, pumping toilets, garbage collections, and hazard tree removal
- Making improvements – installing bear proof food storage lockers and constructing accessible picnic tables
- Providing interpretive services at Wrights Lake Campground



Wrights Lake



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Why increase fees?

- To meet rising operation and maintenance costs
- To contribute to installing bear proof lockers at Wrights Lake Campgrounds



Jones Fork



Strawberry



**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 (Pyramid 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