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**Subject:** Financial Implementation of Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act for Outfitting and Guiding and Recreation Event Authorizations and Recreation Fees

**To:** Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), Title VIII, Division J, of Public Law 108-447 sets forth provisions for collection of recreation fees and retention of special recreation permit fees by the Forest Service. FLREA also repealed sections of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LWCFA) that refer to fee authority. This letter addresses three recreation fee issues:

1. Special use authorizations for outfitting and guiding, and recreation events that were either previously issued under the LWCFA or future authorizations to be issued under FLREA;
2. Campground receipts from campgrounds still under LWCFA as of December 8, 2004 (when FLREA was enacted); and
3. How to deposit future recreation fee receipts and manage the current recreation fee receipts collected under Fee Demo authority.

Below are directions on how to deposit and expend the recreation fee receipts.

#### 1. Special Use Authorization Directions

Before this Act became final, the Forest Service deposited 85% of special use permit revenues from these authorizations into *National Forest Fund* (fund code 5008, Treasury Symbol 125008) and 15% of revenues into *Recreation Fees for Collection Cost* (fund code FEFR, Treasury Symbol 12X5010). Deposits into these two accounts should cease. Funds already obligated for expenditure under 12X5010 will remain until spent.

#### 2. LWCFA Campground Receipts

Before this Act became final, the Forest Service collected recreation fees at those government operated sites, such as campgrounds and group use sites, which were still collecting fees under LWCFA authority (not part of the Fee Demo program). The Forest Service deposited 85% of revenues from these government operated recreation sites into the *National Forest Fund* (fund code 5008, Treasury Symbol 125008) and 15% of revenues into *Recreation Fees for Collection Cost* (fund code FEFR, Treasury Symbol 12X5010). Deposits into these two accounts should cease. Funds already obligated for expenditure under these codes will remain until spent.

#### 3. Recreation Fee Receipts under FLREA and under Fee Demo

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concurred with the Forest Service's request to change the title of Treasury account 12X5268 from "Recreation fee demonstration program,



Forest Service” to “Recreation Fees, Forest Service.” The existing fund code FDFD will be retained. The three program codes within fund FDFD will be retained and renamed as follows:

<b>Program Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
FDAS	Regional Recreation Enhancement
FDCL	Recreation Enhancement – Cost of Collection/Indirect
FDSD	Unit Recreation Enhancement

From the date of this letter, the deposit of all recreation enhancement fees will adhere to the following job code structure:

<b>Program Code</b>	<b>Job Code (override code)</b>	<b>Description</b>
FDAS	AS070105 (1324)	20% of all national pass sales deposited into one national job code
	FDAS3605 (region specific override)	5% of all recreation fees deposited to one regional job code
	FDAS4205 (region specific override)	5% of all special use billings deposited to one regional level job code
FDCL	FDCL7805 (unit specific override)	15% of all FDFD funds, including special uses, deposited into one unit level job code
FDSD	DS070105 (unit specific override)	80% of all national pass sales deposited into one unit level job code
	FDSD3605 (unit specific override)	80% of all recreation fees deposited to one unit level job code

	FDDS4205 (unit specific override)	80% of all special use billings deposited to one unit level job code
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This job code structure will apply to ALL recreation fees, including special uses, collected under FLREA authority. In other words, all your Fee Demo projects must adhere to this new accounting structure. You will note that we no longer track recreation fee funds by reporting category (i.e., by project such as the Recreation Lodging project, Campground Safety Net project, etc.). This is a significant change from how we accounted for collections/expenditures under Fee Demo.

The job codes outlined above have been created and are active. Effective March 31, 2005, all recreation fees collected under the FLREA authorization must be deposited into and obligated from the appropriate program and job code as outlined above. For those units that had recreation sites and areas collecting receipts under the Fee Demo program, all new collections will be deposited according to the structure as outlined above. Discontinue depositing and obligating funds in the old Fee Demo job codes (with reporting categories). Although additional deposits are not allowed into the old Fee Demo job codes, those old codes will remain active until obligated funds have been expended. Begin using the new FLREA job codes for obligations and expenditures.

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