

Date: February 26, 2008

Subject: Approval of Recreation Fee Changes

To: Cheryl Chatham, Designated Federal Official

The Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC) held its third meeting February 20, 2008. The committee reviewed proposals to initiate new fees or modify existing fees. The Southern Region RRAC formally recommends the eleven fee changes listed below (two proposals were withdrawn by the Forest Service).

Daniel Boone National Forest

Natural Arch Scenic Area & Alpine Picnic Area

1) Initiate a group day use rental fee at Natural Arch Scenic Area. The recommended fee per day for group use of the two shelters or one amphitheater is \$25 per day/per shelter/amphitheater. Rental of all three facilities would be \$75 per day. 2) Initiate a group day use rental fee at Alpine Picnic Area. The recommended fee per day for group use of the one shelter is \$25 per day. 3) If the shelter/amphitheater is not reserved, there is no fee charged and it is available for use as first-come, first-served.

National Forests in Florida

Apalachicola NF OHV Trails

Initiate a new user fee at the Apalachicola National Forest OHV trails. The recommended fees are \$75 per operator per year, or \$25 for seven consecutive days, or \$10 for three consecutive days (\$5 for 15 years and under accompanied by parent or legal guardian).

George Washington & Jefferson National Forests

Campgrounds (Development level #3)

Increase camping fee at Hidden Valley and Blowing Springs Campgrounds on the Warm Springs Ranger District to \$10 per night.

Campgrounds (Development level #4)

Increase family camping fees at various development level 4 campgrounds (Brandywine, Hurricane, Todd Lake) to \$16 per site per night.

Morris Hill Campground

Increase the fee at family campground in two stages to reach the fee structure for development scale 4 campgrounds on the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. The first increase would be implemented at the start of the 2008 season and the second increase would be implemented at the start of the 2011 season. The proposal is to increase it to \$14 in 2008 and to \$16 in 2011.

Raccoon Branch Campground

Increase the camping fee at Raccoon Branch Campground beginning April 1, 2008, to \$14 in 2008 and to \$16 (after a shower building has been installed).

Sherando Lake Family Campground

Increase the camping fee to \$20 per campsite and \$5 for utility hookups. This will change the fee structure so that the utility hookup fee is no longer imbedded with the camping fee, but that the utility hookup is a separate fee.

Stony Fork Campground

Withdrawn

Hussy Mtn. Horse Camp

Increase overnight camping fee on April 1, 2008, to \$7 per vehicle per night.

Collins Cove Horse Camp

Increase overnight camping fee on April 1, 2008, to \$5 per vehicle per night.

Old Virginia Group Horse Camp

Increase group camping fee to \$50 per night beginning April 1, 2008.

South Pedlar ATV Trail System

Withdrawn

Sunrise Cabin

Increase fee at the Sunrise Cabin to \$85 per night and to \$475 for a week-long rental. Increase the fee to \$100 per night or \$560 per week in 2009 so long as there is adequate public involvement.



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