

Date: September 25, 2008

Subject: Approval of Recreation Fee Changes

To: Cheryl Chatham, Designated Federal Official

The Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC) held its fourth meeting September 24-25, 2008. The committee reviewed proposals to initiate new fees and to modify or eliminate existing fees. The Southern Region RRAC formally recommends the six fee changes shown below (one proposal was withdrawn by the Forest Service).

Bureau of Land Management Lower Potomac Field Station, Virginia															
Meadowood Recreation Area	Increase the monthly horse boarding fee at the Meadowood Recreation Area Horse Boarding Stables to \$700/month/horse														
Ouachita National Forest, Arkansas															
Iron Springs Recreation Area	Eliminate \$8 camping fee at Iron Springs Recreation Area														
National Forests in Mississippi															
Turkey Fork Recreation Area	Implement tent site camping fees of \$7/site/night at Turkey Fork Recreation Area for eight new tent sites														
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, Georgia															
Brasstown Bald Visitor Interpretive Center	Increase fee to: \$4 per vehicle for cars/minivans \$3 per motorcycle														
El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico															
El Portal Rainforest Center	Increase the fee to: \$4 per adult (free for under age 16) \$2 per person for groups of 15 or more														
Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Arkansas															
Blanchard Springs Caverns	<i>Proposal Withdrawn</i> Increase fees at Blanchard Springs Caverns for the Dripstone and Discovery Tours to: <table><thead><tr><th>Dripstone</th><th>Discovery</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Adult \$12, Group Rate \$9</td><td>Adult \$13, Group Rate \$10</td></tr><tr><td>Youth \$6, Group Rate \$4</td><td>Youth \$7, Group Rate \$4</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Combo Ticket: Adult \$22, Youth \$11</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Season Pass Adult \$50</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Season Pass Youth \$25</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Photo Tour \$35</td></tr></tbody></table>	Dripstone	Discovery	Adult \$12, Group Rate \$9	Adult \$13, Group Rate \$10	Youth \$6, Group Rate \$4	Youth \$7, Group Rate \$4	Combo Ticket: Adult \$22, Youth \$11		Season Pass Adult \$50		Season Pass Youth \$25		Photo Tour \$35	
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George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, Virginia															
South Pedlar ATV Trail System	Change the fee to "per operator" rather than "per vehicle." Fees are: 1-day permit for \$5 per operator 3-day permit for \$12 per operator Annual permit for \$30 per operator														



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