

**Colorado RRAC: Attachment B  
US Forest Service - Region 2  
BLM - Colorado  
Recreation Fee Proposals  
Summary of Public Involvement**

Date: May 11, 2012

Unit: Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests  
Norwood Ranger District

Proposal: New Fee  Fee Change

**Summary of Fee Proposals:**

(For multi-fee structure, replace with other graphic if needed)

Site/Service	Current Price	Proposed Price
Matterhorn Cabin	N/A	\$300/night for ski season, holidays, and festivals  \$240/night for remainder of year
Lone Cone Cabin	N/A	\$120/night

**Public Participation:**

Public Participation Tasks	Date(s)
Sent news release to Telluride radio station (KOTO), Telluride Daily Planet newspaper, Telluride Watch newspaper, Norwood Post newspaper, San Miguel Basin Forum newspaper.	December 15, 2009
Internal memo sent to GMUG Archeologist, Facilities Engineer, Safety Officer, Forest Engineer, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Recreation staff, Ouray District Ranger/Rec Staff, Grand Valley District Ranger	December 15, 2009
Sent scoping notice to interested parties (San Juan Hut System, Dave's Mountain Tours, Telluride Nordic Association, High Camp Hut, San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners, West End Sledders)	December 16, 2009
Legal notice published in the newspaper of record (Telluride Daily Planet)	Week of December 13, 2009
Presented cabin rental proposal to San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners	December 16, 2009

Posted notice at Norwood Ranger District front desk.	December 21, 2009
Article published in Telluride Watch newspaper	December 17, 2009
Article published in Norwood Post newspaper	December 23, 2009
Article published in Telluride Daily Planet newspaper	December 24, 2009
Posted news release on Forest website	January 5, 2010
Posted news release at Norwood District office	January 5, 2010
Emailed news release to motorized club mailing list (includes representatives from 7 motorized groups)	January 5, 2010
Posted Federal Register notice of proposed new fees as per REA, Sec. 4 (b).	January 11, 2010
Briefed local Congressional Staff on fee proposal. Included Senators (List) offices and Congressional Representative (List) offices.	Week of January 4 - 8, 2010
Posted briefing in Public Lands Partnership newsletter (PLP is comprised of representatives from Delta, Ouray, Montrose, San Miguel counties, local businesses, CO Division of Wildlife, etc).	Week of January 4 - 8, 2010
Presented Lone Cone Cabin proposal to West End Sledders Snowmobile Club	February 15, 2012
Sent news release to Telluride radio station (KOTO), Telluride Daily Planet newspaper, Telluride Watch newspaper, Montrose Daily Press newspaper, San Miguel Basin Forum newspaper, and Norwood Post newspaper.	April 27, 2012
Called Cindy Farny, owner of High Camp Hut, and left a voice mail message explaining the new cabin fee proposal. Followed up by emailing her a copy of the news release, a copy of her 2009 comments, and a request that she provide us with any comments.	April 27, 2012
Posted scoping notice at Norwood Ranger District front desk.	May 2, 2012
Presented cabin rental proposal to San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners	May 2, 2012
KOTO radio station aired a broadcast on the cabin rental proposal and encouraged listeners to submit comments on the fees.	May 2, 2012
Posted scoping notice on Forest website	May 2, 2012
Newscast broadcast on KOTO Radio - Telluride	May 2, 2012
Article published in the Telluride Watch newspaper	May 3, 2012
Discussed fee proposal with congressional staff	

**Public Participation Results (include # of responses/category):**

Method of Communication	Summary of Comments- as of May 18, 2012
<b>Posted On-site Notices - (Norwood District Office)</b>	No comments
<b>Posted on-site notices - GMUG NF Website</b>	No comments
<b>Press Releases &amp; News Story of User Benefits</b>	<p>12/28/09: Cindy Farny (High Camp Hut owner): Recommended that we not undercut her hut rental business by "low balling" with a fixed rate of \$300/night for the Matterhorn Cabin. Suggested that we instead use a variable rate system similar to what she uses (e.g. varying the rate for high season vs. low season, etc.)</p> <p>1/5/09: Telluride Nordic Association (Tom Treder): Question about Matterhorn Cabin's parking lot capacity. Was happy to hear that we plan to expand the parking area to accommodate both the nordic skiing public and potential Cabin renters.</p>
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	No comments
<b>Letters to Neighbors &amp; Interested Parties</b>	<p>11/5/09: Talked to hunters in the vicinity of the Lone Cone Cabin. Two different groups approached FS employees and offered to rent the cabin immediately. Hunters were very excited about the prospect of being able to rent both the Lone Cone and Matterhorn cabins.</p> <p>12/15/09: West End Sledders (Norwood Snowmobile Club): Very supportive of the cabin rental program, especially the rental of the Lone Cone Cabin during the winter season. The club offered to provide snowmobile support this winter to ferry materials/supplies into the Lone Cone Cabin to complete the kitchen remodel.</p> <p>2/15/12: Gave a presentation on the Lone Cone Cabin to the West End Sledders snowmobile club. They were very supportive and looking forward to the cabin possibly being available this winter.</p>
<b>Congressional Staff Briefing</b>	<p>2009: Very supportive of the proposed cabin rental program.</p> <p>2012: During the week of May 7, 2012, GMUG Public Affairs Officer, Lee Ann Loupe, discussed the cabin proposals with Sheri Cogley (Sen. Bennet's staff) and Richard Schoenrad (Rep. Tipton). Sheri was supportive of the proposals and requested that the proposal information be sent to John Whitney (also on Sen. Bennet's staff). Richard was very positive about the proposal and also thought that the public would be supportive of the proposed fees.</p>

<p><b>County Commissioners Briefing</b></p>	<p>12/16/09: Gave a power point presentation to the San Miguel County Commissioners at their bi-weekly meeting. Comments:  1) Proposed rates are reasonable, even low for Telluride area,  2) Fully supportive of the proposed cabin rental proposal.  Wrote letter of support to Norwood District Ranger.</p> <p>5/2/12: Gave a power point presentation to the San Miguel County Commissioners at their bi-weekly meeting. Comments:  1) Proposed rates are reasonable, even low for Telluride area,  3) Fully supportive of the proposed cabin rental proposal.</p>
<p><b>General Customer Contact Feedback</b></p>	<p>Our discussions with local townspeople have all been positive. People tend to see this as a very positive program with very reasonably priced rates.</p>
<p><b>E-mail Responses</b></p>	<p>No comments</p>