



# US Forest Service Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Resources Briefing Paper

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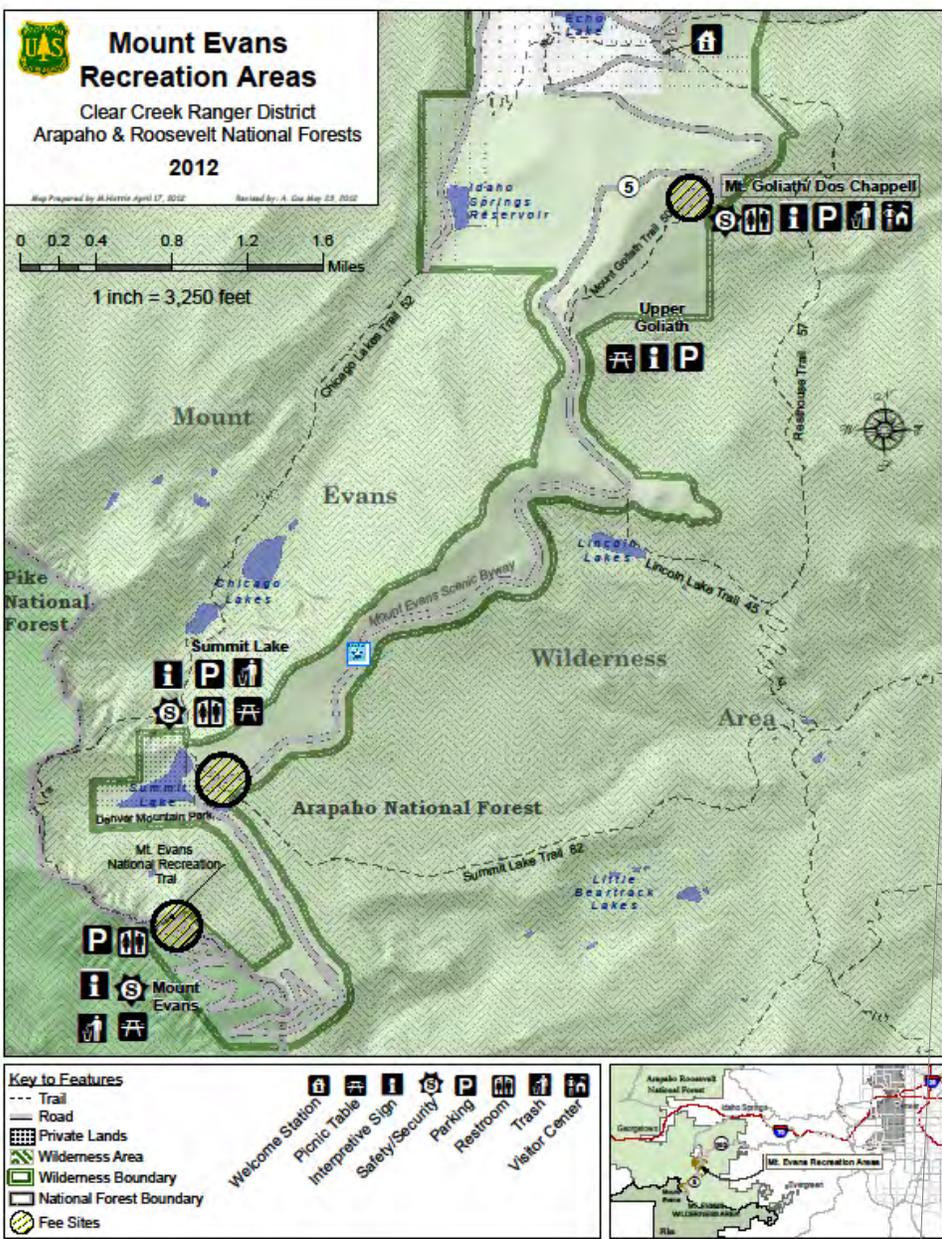
**Topic:** Recreation RAC Briefing Paper: Mount Evans Update

## Background

- Recreation fees have been collected for the Mount Evans Recreation Area since July 1997, initially under the authority of the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program (Fee Demo), and then under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), which repealed Fee Demo in December 2004.
- Since 2005, the Forest Service's operating practices and procedures for the Mount Evans Recreation Area have been refined over the course of several operating seasons to address changes in national direction, partnership needs, and public input.

## Implementation Plan Changes

- The Forest Service will require fees only at three distinct developed sites in the Mount Evans Recreation Area. The remainder of the original fee area will now be free. Those sites are Mount Goliath Natural Area (including Dos Chappell Nature Center), Summit Lake Park, and the Summit of Mount Evans Interpretive Area.
- The Forest Service will collect and enforce fees and issue notices of required fees only for these three sites.
- The Forest Service will charge fees only for people who park a motor vehicle at the three sites.
- The Forest Service will charge fees only during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- The Forest Service will provide a through lane at the base of Mount Evans for visitors who do not intend to park in one of the three sites.
- The Forest Service will change signage, welcome station messages, handouts, website language, and other informational tools to reflect the fee changes in the Mount Evans Recreation Area.
- The Forest Service is sharing these changes with the Colorado Recreation RAC as specified in REA and to keep the RAC informed of the status of implementation.



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