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Joes Valley's Orange Olsen Administrative Site

Manti-La Sal National Forest, Utah

Topic: Proposed New Cabin Fees

Background:

The Orange Olsen dwelling was constructed in 1965. The bunkhouse was relocated to its current location in 1963 due to the Bureau of Reclamation building the dam and filling of Joes Valley Reservoir. The site also includes four trailer pads adjacent to the bunkhouse.

The dwelling has a front room, two bedrooms (sleeping up to six people), kitchen, bathroom with shower, photovoltaic (solar) lighting, water, and sewer. An accessible ramp provides entrance to the back door of the facility. A fire ring and picnic table is located adjacent to the dwelling.

The bunkhouse has a combination kitchen/bedroom (sleeping up to four people), bathroom with shower, photovoltaic lighting, water, sewer, and four trailer pads. All appliances at both buildings are fueled with propane. Each of the four trailer pads has water and sewer hookups.

Use: All facilities are within a mile of the popular Joes Valley Reservoir where fishing and boating are available. The site also provides immediate access to the forest's popular Arapeen OHV Trail System. Most of the visitation is local. The additional cabins will improve the resources, public access, use, and enjoyment of the area. Fees would be used to continue to help protect and maintain the facility.

Fee Sites: The Manti-La Sal National Forest is proposing to convert the Orange Olsen Administrative site to rental cabins. The cabins will increase capacity and add to local enjoyment of the area.

Fee Proposal: A financial analysis is being completed to assist in determining the fees, but the proposal is to charge \$60.00 per night at the dwelling and \$40.00 per night at the bunkhouse with four trailer pads. The dwelling and bunkhouse would be featured on the reservation system as rental cabins. The trailer pads can only be used with the bunkhouse. Customers would have the option of reserving the dwelling or the bunkhouse/trailer pads separately, or the entire site.

Future Actions: After the comments from the public involvement phase are analyzed, the District's Recreation Program Manager will request time during the spring 2014 meeting of the Utah BLM Recreation Resource Advisory Committee to present the information. The proposal



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will also go through extensive review by both the Regional and Washington Office before implementation, which if approved, could be the opening of the camping season in 2014.

Comments: Written comments should be returned by December 31, 2013, to Bill Broadbear, Recreation Manager, 435-636-3516 or email bbroadbear@fs.fed.us

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