

# Cleveland National Forest Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Corral Canyon Recreation Fee Area

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## Background

In June 2011, the Forest Service conducted a national review of the 97 standard amenity recreation fee areas on National Forest System lands. As a result of the review, the Forest Service plans to remove the fee area designation for 73 standard amenity recreation fee areas, and reduce the size of the remaining 24 standard amenity recreation fee areas across the nation.

Within the Cleveland National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the fee area designation for four standard amenity recreation fee areas (Corral Canyon, Ortega, Tenaja, and Wildomar) and substantially reduce the size of the remaining two (Holy Jim and Mt. Laguna). Based on direction regarding implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Cleveland National Forest began issuing notices of required fees and enforcing recreation fees consistent with this proposal, while preparing to submit it to the California Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (R-RAC).

## Description of the Recreation Area

The 3,030-acre Corral Canyon standard amenity recreation fee area is a major Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) riding area in Southern California that provides riding opportunities for visitors using ATV's, motorcycles and 4-wheel drive vehicles. Corral Canyon OHV Area and Bear Valley Road provides 27 miles of roads open to street legal and non-street legal vehicles, and 26 miles of OHV trails. These roads and trails are also popular with mountain bike riders.

## Corral Canyon Recreation Fee Proposal

The Cleveland National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Corral Canyon standard amenity recreation fee area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain two standard amenity recreation fee (SAF) sites (see Table 1);
- Retain two expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) sites (see Table 2); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation sites.

**Table 1. Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Sites (Passes Accepted)**

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash	Interpretive Sign	Tables	Security
Bear Valley Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Four Corners Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Table 2. Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee Sites (Passes Accepted)**

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Spaces	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection	Security Services	Trash Receptacles	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Bobcat Meadow Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Corral Canyon Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

## Fee Collection and Compliance

If the proposal is implemented, 99 percent of the recreation area would be available to the public free of charge. No change is being proposed to the recreation fees charged at the sites listed in Tables 1 and 2. The fee payment mechanism would continue to be recreation passes: the Adventure Pass (\$5 per day, \$30 annually, and \$5 for a second vehicle) or the America the Beautiful-the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes (Annual-\$80; Senior-\$10; and Access, Military, and Volunteer-free).

The Forest Service’s Adventure Pass is available at Forest Service offices, local vendors, and on-line. The use of recreation passes as a fee payment mechanism would continue to enhance efficiencies in fee collection and compliance while providing the customer convenience visitors have come to expect. The Forest Service enforces and would continue to enforce recreation fees and issue notices of required fees at the recreation sites listed in Tables 1 and 2, as reconfigured in the proposal for the R-RAC.

Compliance is and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes displayed on vehicles parked within these recreation sites.

## Anticipated Impacts of the Change

### Financial

The financial impacts of the proposed changes are unknown at this time.

### Resources

The impacts of the proposed changes to natural resources are unknown at this time and would be monitored.

## Visitor Use

Shifts in visitor use patterns may result from the proposed changes. Impacts on recreation facilities, sanitation, public health and safety, and resources are unknown and would be monitored.

## Planned Accomplishments

Fee revenue would fund, in partnership with the California OHV Division, operations and maintenance of campgrounds and trailheads including: trash removal; toilet pumping; graffiti removal; security patrols; OHV compliance checks; maintaining information and interpretive signs; and publication of the Corral Canyon OHV map. Fee revenue also would support coordination of volunteer activities such as providing visitor information and trail maintenance.

## Public Involvement

### Planned

The Forest Service is seeking public comment on the proposed changes and plans to submit the proposal to the R-RAC in the winter of 2014. In the interim, the Cleveland National Forest is issuing notices of required fees and enforcing recreation fees only within the recreation sites listed in Table 1 and 2, as configured in the proposal for the R-RAC.

The Forest will:

- Post information on the proposed changes at the affected sites;
- Publish a press release regarding the proposal in the *San Diego Union Tribune*;
- Post information on proposal on the Cleveland National Forest website;
- Brief local and federal elected officials; and
- Present the proposal to the R-RAC.

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# PROPOSED CHANGES CORRAL CANYON RECREATION FEE AREA



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**Bear Valley Trailhead  
T, S, G, R, I, P**

## Amenity Legend

- X = Tent or Trailer Space
- T = Picnic Table
- D = Drinking Water
- A = Access Road
- F = Fee Collection
- S = Security Services
- G = Trash Receptacle
- R = Toilet Facility
- C = Campfire Device
- I = Interpretive Signing
- P = Parking

**Four Corners Trailhead  
T, S, G, R, I, P**

**Corral Canyon Campground  
X, T, A, F, S, G, R, C**

**Bobcat Meadow Campground  
X, T, A, F, S, G, R, C**

- Recreation Sites - Fee
- ▨ Previous Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
- National Forest
- Other Ownership
- Road
- - - Trail
- ~ Streams



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