

# Cleveland National Forest Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Wildomar 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.

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 1,080-acre Wildomar standard amenity recreation fee area is a major Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area for Riverside and Orange counties. Wildomar OHV Area offers riding opportunities for visitors who enjoy ATV's, motorcycles and 4-wheel drive vehicles and is a popular place for first time riders. The OHV Area offers 8 miles of OHV trails.

## Wildomar Recreation Fee Proposal

The Cleveland National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Wildomar standard amenity recreation fee area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain one standard amenity recreation fee (SAF) site at Wildomar OHV Staging Area (see Table 1);
- Retain one expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) site at Wildomar Campground (see Table 2); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the standard amenity recreation fee site.

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Wildomar OHV Staging Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Note: Potable water is also available at the Wildomar OHV staging area.

**Table 2. Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee Site**

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Space	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection by FS	Security Services	Trash Receptacle	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Wildomar Campground	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Note: No change; campground has a separate expanded amenity recreation fee.

## Fee Collection and Compliance

If the proposal is implemented the recreation fee area would not be available to the public free of charge. No change is being proposed to the recreation fees charged at the recreation fee site and area listed in Tables 1 and 2. The fee payment mechanism at the Wildomar OHV Staging Area 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 fee payment mechanism for the Wildomar Campground would continue to be through on-site fee tube.

The 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 issues notices of required fees at the Wildomar OHV Staging Area and Wildomar Campground. Compliance is and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes displayed on vehicles parked within these recreation sites and areas.

## Anticipated Impacts of the Change

### Financial

The financial impacts of the proposed changes are unknown at this time. Fee revenue may decrease slightly or remain relatively stable.

### Resources

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

## Visitor Use

Shifts in visitor use patterns may result from the proposed change. 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 OHMVR Division, operation and maintenance of campground and OHV staging area and includes: trash removal; toilet pumping; graffiti removal; security patrols; OHV compliance checks; and maintaining information and interpretive signs.

## 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 Tables 1 and 2.

The Forest will:

- Post information on the proposed changes at the affected sites and areas;
- Publish a press release regarding the proposal in the *Press Enterprise and Orange County Register*;
- Post information on proposal on the Cleveland National Forest website;
- Brief local and federal elected officials; and
- Present the proposal to the R-RAC.

# PROPOSED CHANGES WILDOMAR RECREATION FEE AREA



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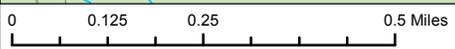
**Wildomar OHV Staging Area**  
T, D, S, G, R, I, P

**Wildomar Campground**  
X, T, D, A, F, S, G, R, C

### 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

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



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