

# San Bernardino National Forest

## Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Black Mountain 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 (SAF) areas on National Forest System lands. As a result of the review, the Forest Service plans to remove the fee area designation for 73 SAF areas, and reduce the size of the remaining 24 areas.

Within the San Bernardino National Forest, the national fee area review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for seven areas (Arrowhead, Barton Flats, Big Bear North, Big Bear South, Black Mountain, Falls and Thomas Mountain), substantially reduce the size of the Lytle Creek SAF area, and change the type of recreation fee changed from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for four winter recreation locations (Barton Flats, Snow Valley, Aspen Glen, and Rim), and three recreational target shooting locations (Lightening Gulch, 1N09, Arrastre, and Big Pine Flat).

Based on direction regarding implementation of the national fee area review, in June 2012, the San Bernardino 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). This proposal addresses the recreation fee changes for the Black Mountain area.

### Description of the Recreation Area

The 9,050-acre Black Mountain standard amenity recreation fee area is a mountain hideaway nestled beneath jagged rocks and towering pines. National Forest visitors find opportunities to hike, camp, fish, horseback ride, hunt, rock climb, and mountain bike.

### Black Mountain Recreation Fee Proposal

The San Bernardino National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Black Mountain SAF area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain two SAF sites (see Table 1);
- Retain five expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) sites (see Table 2);
- Eliminate fees at seven SAF sites and areas: Black Mountain Lookout, Black Mountain Trailhead, Seven Pines Trailhead, Fuller Ridge Trailhead, Marion Mountain Trailhead, Seven Pines Camps, and Black Mountain Camps; and

- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation fee sites and areas.

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Fuller Mill Creek Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lake Fulmor Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Table 2. Expanded Amenity Recreation Sites**

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Spaces	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection	Security Services	Trash Receptacles	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Black Mountain Group Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Boulder Basin Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dark Canyon Campground	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fern Basin Campground	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marion Mountain Campground	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Note: No change; campgrounds have a separate expanded amenity recreation fee.

## Fee Collection and Compliance

If this proposal is implemented, the recreation fee area would be available to the public free of charge. No change is being proposed to the recreation fees charged at the sites and areas listed in Tables 1 and 2. The fee payment mechanism would continue to be through 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 expanded amenity recreation fees in campgrounds will continue to be the National Recreation Reservation Service or on-site fee tubes.

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 and areas identified in Tables 1 and 2, as reconfigured in the proposal for the R-RAC. Compliance is verified and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes displayed on vehicles parked within recreation sites and areas.

## Anticipated Impacts of the Change

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

Recreation fee revenue would fund operation and maintenance activities including: toilet cleaning and pumping; trash removal; graffiti removal; security patrols; maintenance of information and interpretive signs, and facility repairs. Fee revenue would support facility enhancements, such as the installation and replacement of fire rings, cooking grills and toilet facilities.

## 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.

The Forest will:

- Post information on the proposed changes at the affected sites;
- Send press release for publication in local newspapers, including the *Idyllwild Town Crier*;
- Post information on the proposal on the San Bernardino National Forest's website;
- Brief local and federal elected officials; and
- Present the proposal to the R-RAC.

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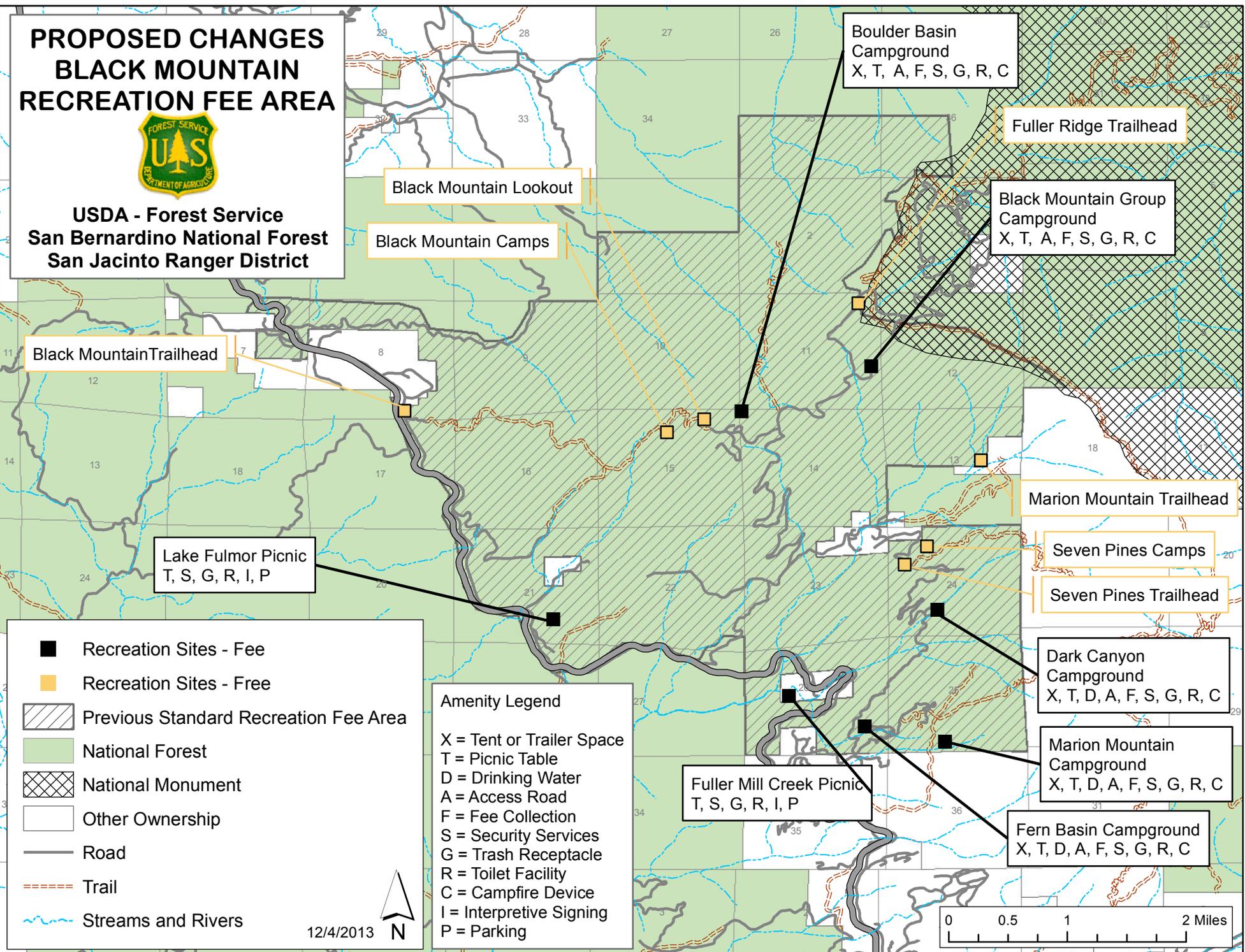
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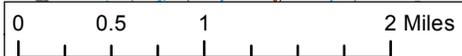
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- Recreation Sites - Fee
- Recreation Sites - Free
- ▨ Previous Standard Recreation Fee Area
- National Forest
- ▩ National Monument
- Other Ownership
- Road
- - - Trail
- ~ Streams and Rivers

- 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

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Boulder Basin Campground  
X, T, A, F, S, G, R, C

Fuller Ridge Trailhead

Black Mountain Group Campground  
X, T, A, F, S, G, R, C

Black Mountain Lookout

Black Mountain Camps

Black Mountain Trailhead

Lake Fulmor Picnic  
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Marion Mountain Trailhead

Seven Pines Camps

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Dark Canyon Campground  
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