

Los Padres National Forest Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Ballinger Recreation Fee Area

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 Los Padres National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for four areas (Ballinger, Figueroa Mountain, Goldhill, and Rose Valley); change the type of recreation fee charged from an SAF to a special recreation permit (SRP) fee for winter recreation at Mt. Pinos and OHV use at Pozo–La Panza; and significantly reduce the size of the remaining Santa Ynez SAF area. Based on direction regarding implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Los Padres 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 Ballinger area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The Ballinger SAF area encompasses 68 miles of off-highway vehicle (OHV), motorcycle, and all-terrain vehicle routes within the Ballinger and Deer Park Canyons. This OHV area is within a two-hour drive of over 1 million people living in the southern San Joaquin Valley, Santa Maria, and Ventura urban areas. The primary visitors to this area are families and avid motorized trail riders seeking a variety of challenges on routes encompassing the complete spectrum, from easiest to most difficult. This is one of the most popular OHV areas in Southern California.

Ballinger Recreation Fee Proposal

The Los Padres National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Ballinger SAF area designation (see enclosed map);
- Retain one expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) site (see Table 1); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes for payment of the recreation fee.

Table 1. Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee Site (Passes Accepted)

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Space	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection by FS	Security	Trash Receptacle	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Ballinger Campground/OHV Staging Area	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Fee Collection and Compliance

If the proposal is adopted 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 Ballinger Campground/OHV Staging Area. 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 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 issue notices of required fees and enforce recreation fees at the Ballinger Campground/OHV Staging Area. Compliance is verified and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes displayed on vehicles parked within this recreation site.

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, in partnership with the California OHMVR Division, operation and maintenance of the Ballinger Campground/OHV Staging Area, including trash and litter removal, toilet cleaning and pumping, graffiti removal, security patrols, OHV compliance checks, and maintaining information and interpretive signs.

Public Involvement

Accomplished

The Forest Service sought public comment on the proposed changes and plans to submit the proposal to the R-RAC at the January 14-15, 2014 meeting.

The Forest has:

- Posted information on the proposed changes at the affected sites;
- Distributed a press release to local media contacts;
- Posted information on the Los Padres National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites;
and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

Legend

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

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Amenity Legend

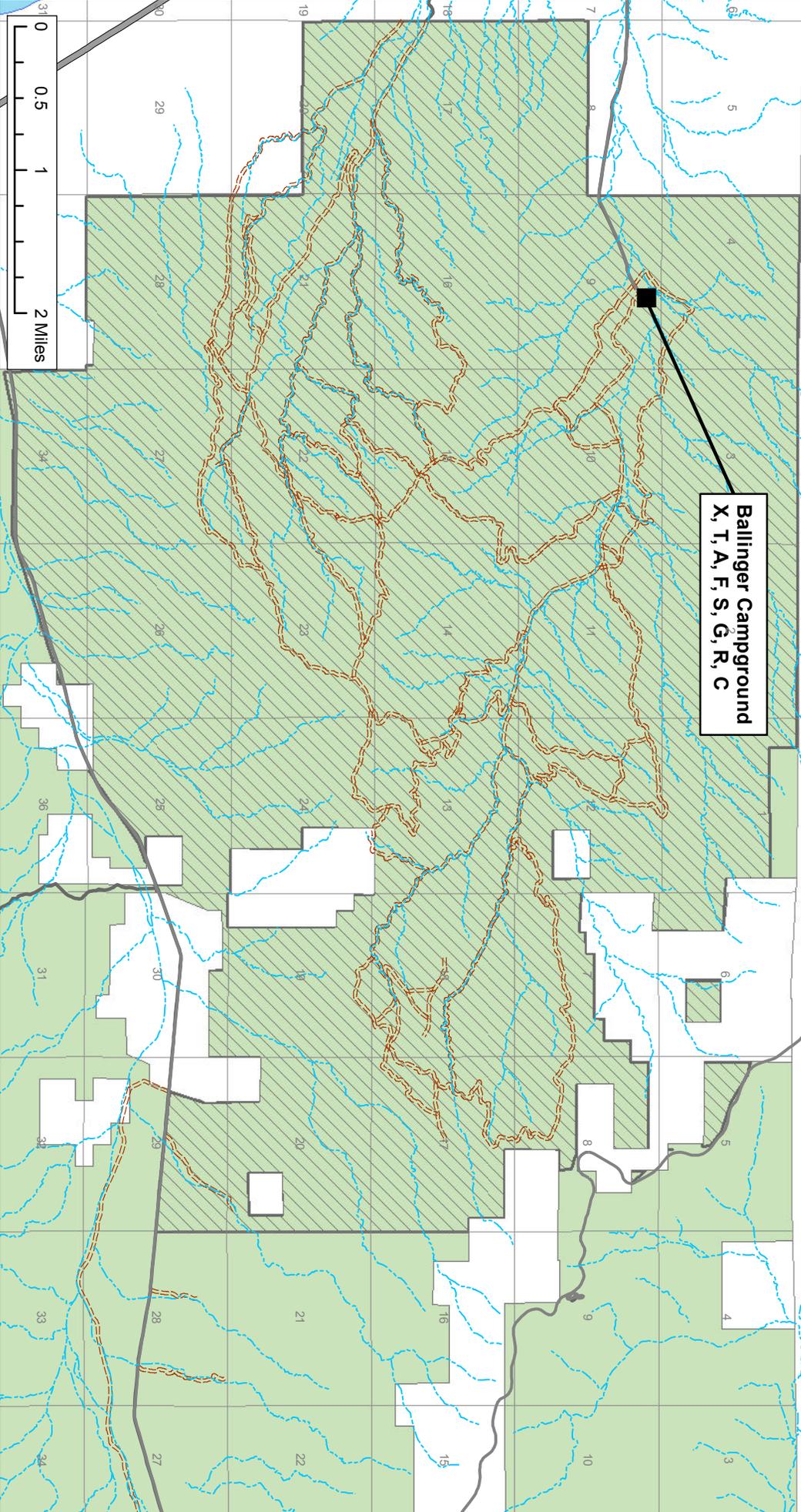
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- F = Fee Collection
- S = Security Services
- G = Trash Receptacle
- R = Toilet Facility
- C = Campfire Device

**PROPOSED CHANGES
BALLINGER
RECREATION FEE AREA**



USDA - Forest Service
Los Padres National Forest
Mt. Pinos Ranger District

Ballinger Campground
X, T, A, F, S, G, R, C



Los Padres National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Figueroa Mountain Recreation Fee Area

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 Los Padres National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for four areas (Ballinger, Figueroa Mountain, Goldhill, and Rose Valley); change the type of recreation fee charged from an SAF to a special recreation permit (SRP) fee for winter recreation at Mt. Pinos and OHV use at Pozo–La Panza; and significantly reduce the size of the remaining Santa Ynez SAF area. Based on direction regarding implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Los Padres 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 Figueroa Mountain area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The Figueroa Mountain area is located approximately 30 miles from Santa Barbara and 10 miles from Solvang, California. Thousands of visitors come to the area to enjoy a wide variety of recreation opportunities which include hiking, camping, picnicking, bicycling, horseback riding, fishing, and snow play. Figueroa Mountain is especially well known for spectacular wildflower and bird viewing. Figueroa Mountain borders the San Rafael Wilderness, offering spectacular hunting opportunities for different varieties of game.

Figueroa Mountain Recreation Fee Proposal

The Los Padres National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Figueroa Mountain SAF area designation (see enclosed map);
- Retain three SAF sites and areas (see Table 1);
- Retain three expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) sites (see Table 2);
- Eliminate recreation fee at ten sites: Catway Day Use Area, Davy Brown Trailhead, La Jolla/Ballard Trailhead, McKinley Trailhead, Lower Manzana Trailhead, Munch Canyon Trailhead, Pino Alto Interpretive Trail, Sunset Valley Trailhead, White Rock Trailhead, and Willow Springs Trailhead; and

- Continue to accept local and national passes for payment of recreation fees.

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Cumbre Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Figueroa Lookout Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pino Alto Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Space	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection by FS	Security Services	Trash Receptacle	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Davy Brown Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nira Campground (Includes Upper Manzana Trailhead)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Figueroa Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Fee Collection and Compliance

If the proposal is adopted 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 recreation fee sites 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 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 site identified in Tables 1 and 2. Compliance is and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes displayed on vehicles parked within the 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

Fee revenue would fund operation and maintenance activities including trash and litter removal, graffiti removal, security patrols, facility cleaning, repair, and maintenance, and hazard tree removal.

Public Involvement

Accomplished

The Forest Service sought public comment on the proposed changes and plans to submit the proposal to the R-RAC at the January 14-15, 2014 meeting.

The Forest has:

- Posted information on the proposed changes at the affected sites;
- Distributed a press release to local media contacts;
- Posted information on the Los Padres National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

Legend

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

Amenity Legend

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- D = Drinking Water
- A = Access Road
- F = Fee Collection
- S = Security Services
- G = Trash Receptacle
- R = Toilet Facility
- C = Campfire Device
- I = Interpretive Signage
- P = Parking

**PROPOSED CHANGES
FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN
RECREATION FEE AREA**

USDA - Forest Service
Los Padres National Forest
Santa Lucia Ranger District



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Cumbre Day Use Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Figueroa Lookout Day Use
T, S, G, R, I, P

Catway Day Use Area

La Jolla/Ballard Trailhead

Figueroa CG
X, T, A, F, S, G, T, C

Pino Alto Picnic Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Lower Manzanana Trailhead

Davy Brown Campground
X, T, A, F, S, G, T, C

Willow Springs Trailhead

Davy Brown Trailhead

Pino Alto Interpretive Trail

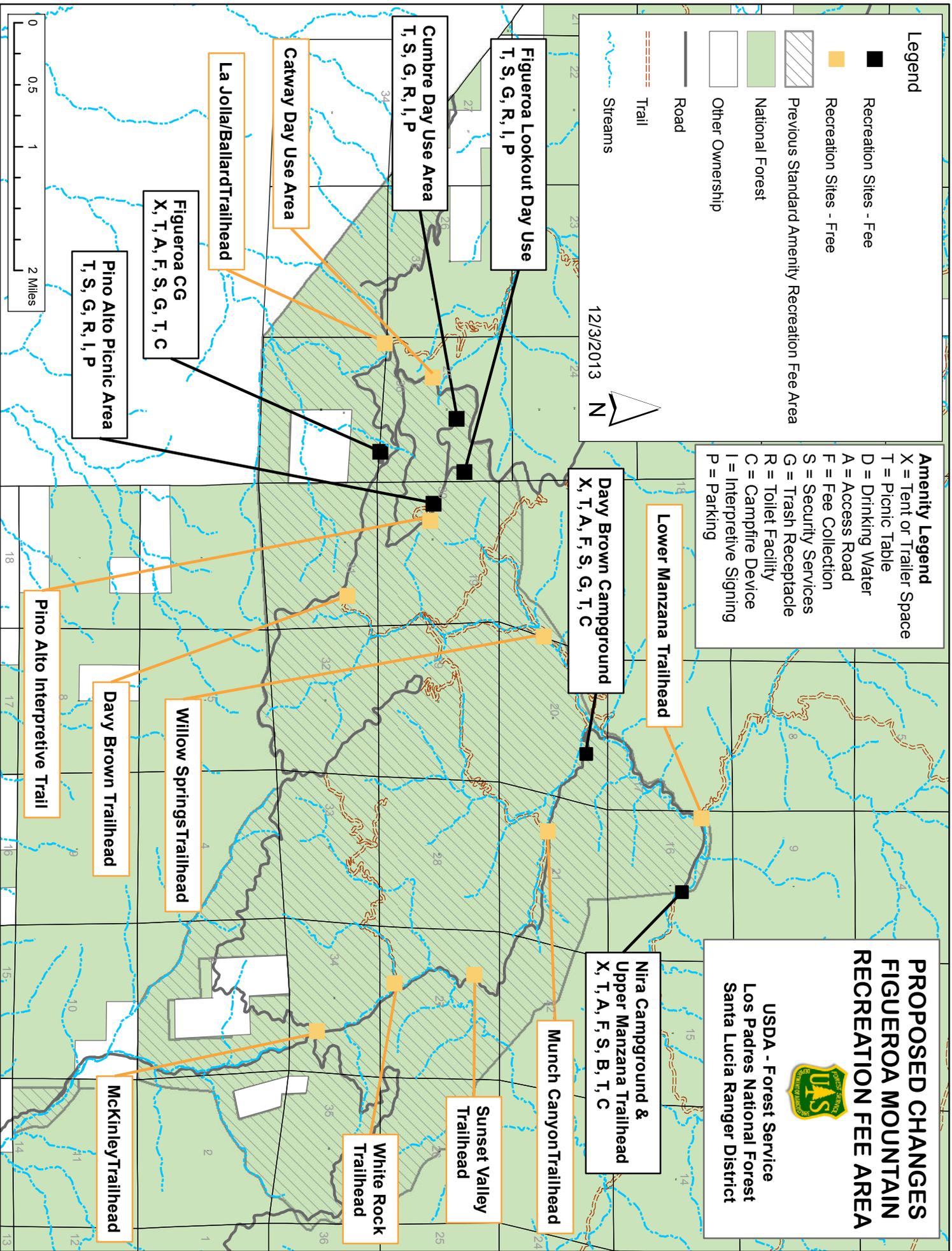
Munch Canyon Trailhead

**Nira Campground &
Upper Manzanana Trailhead**
X, T, A, F, S, B, T, C

**Sunset Valley
Trailhead**

**White Rock
Trailhead**

McKinley Trailhead



Los Padres National Forest Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Goldhill Recreation Fee Area

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.

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Description of the Recreation Area

The 5,480-acre Goldhill area offers a wide variety of recreation opportunities within a two hour drive of the southern San Joaquin Valley and the metropolitan Los Angeles Basin. Popular recreation activities include camping and off-highway vehicle riding.

Goldhill Recreation Fee Proposal

The Los Padres National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Goldhill SAF area designation (see enclosed map);
- Retain two expanded amenity recreation fee sites (see Table 1); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes for payment of recreation fees.

Table 1. Expanded Amenity Recreation Sites (Passes Accepted)

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Space	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection by FS	Security Services	Trash Receptacles	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Kings Campground (includes Snowy OHV Staging Area)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Goldhill Camping Area	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Fee Collection and Compliance

If the proposal is adopted 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 EAF sites in Table 1. 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 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 issues notices of required fees at the EAF sites in Table 1. Compliance is verified and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes displayed on vehicles parked within the 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

Fee revenue would fund, in partnership with the California OHV Division, operation and maintenance of the Kings Campground and Goldhill Camping Area, including: trash and litter removal, toilet pumping, graffiti removal, security patrols, OHV compliance checks, and maintaining information and interpretive signs.

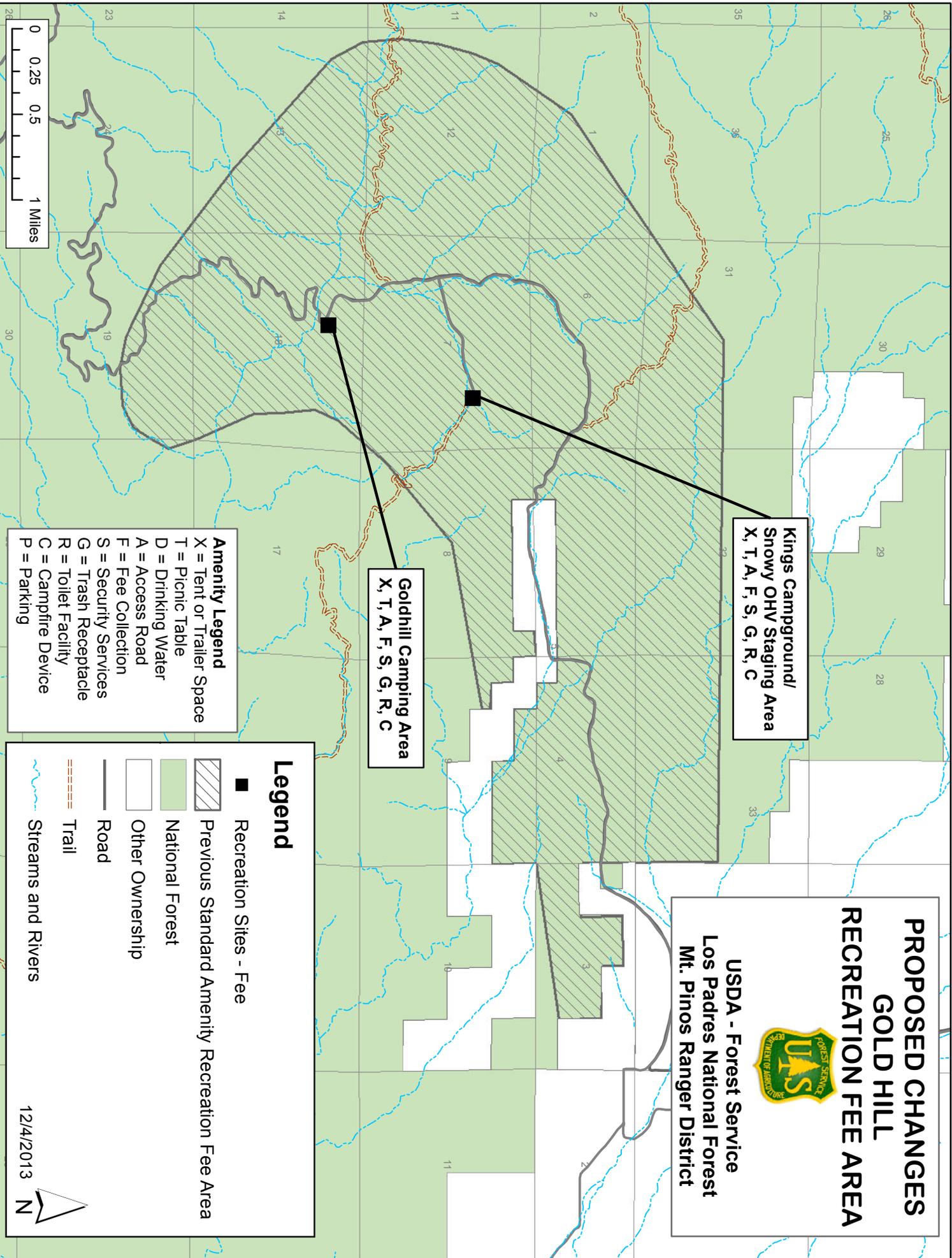
Public Involvement

Accomplished

The Forest Service sought public comment on the proposed changes and plans to submit the proposal to the R-RAC at the January 14-15, 2014 meeting.

The Forest has:

- Posted information on the proposed changes at the affected sites;
- Distributed a press release to local media contacts;
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and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.



**Kings Campground/
Snowy OHV Staging Area**
X, T, A, F, S, G, R, C

Goldhill Camping Area
X, T, A, F, S, G, R, C

PROPOSED CHANGES
GOLD HILL
RECREATION FEE AREA

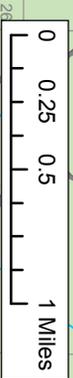


USDA - Forest Service
Los Padres National Forest
Mt. Pinos Ranger District

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 - R = Toilet Facility
 - C = Campfire Device
 - P = Parking

Legend

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



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Los Padres National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure at Mt. Pinos Winter Recreation Fee Area

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.

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Description of the Recreation Area

The Mt. Pinos area is located within easy reach of the greater Los Angeles Basin, Ventura County, and the Southern San Joaquin Valley areas. It is one of the most heavily used areas for winter recreation in southern California. Huge winter crowds have been a popular winter destination for sledding, tubing, cross country skiing, and loading snow in pickups to take home.

Mt. Pinos Recreation Fee Proposal

The Los Padres National Forest is proposing to:

- Change the type of recreation fee charged for the Mt. Pinos Winter Recreation Area from an SAF to an SRP fee (when snow is present), see attached map; and
- Continue to accept local and national passes for payment of the recreation fee.

Fee Collection and Compliance

No change is being proposed to the recreation fees charged at the Mt. Pinos Winter Recreation Area. A SRP fee would be charged at the Mt. Pinos location when snow is present. 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 Adventure Pass is available at Forest Service offices, local vendors, and on line. The use of recreation passes as a fee payment mechanism for the SRP fee 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 issue notices of required fees and enforce recreation fees within the Mt. Pinos Winter Recreation Area. Compliance is and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes displayed on vehicles parked within this recreation area.

Anticipated Impacts of the Change

There are no anticipated financial impacts. There are no anticipated impacts on natural resources. There are no anticipated changes in visitor use. There will be no change in operation or management of the Mt. Pinos Winter Recreation Area as a result of this change.

Planned Accomplishments

Recreation fee revenue would fund operation and maintenance activities including:

- Litter and trash clean-up;
- Trash dumpsters and portable toilets;
- Toilet cleaning and pumping;
- Graffiti removal;
- Security patrols and emergency assistance;
- Providing public information on winter safety (dehydration, driving, hypothermia, and first aid);
- Assisting the California Highway Patrol with traffic control; and
- Ski Patrol and support of county Search and Rescue.

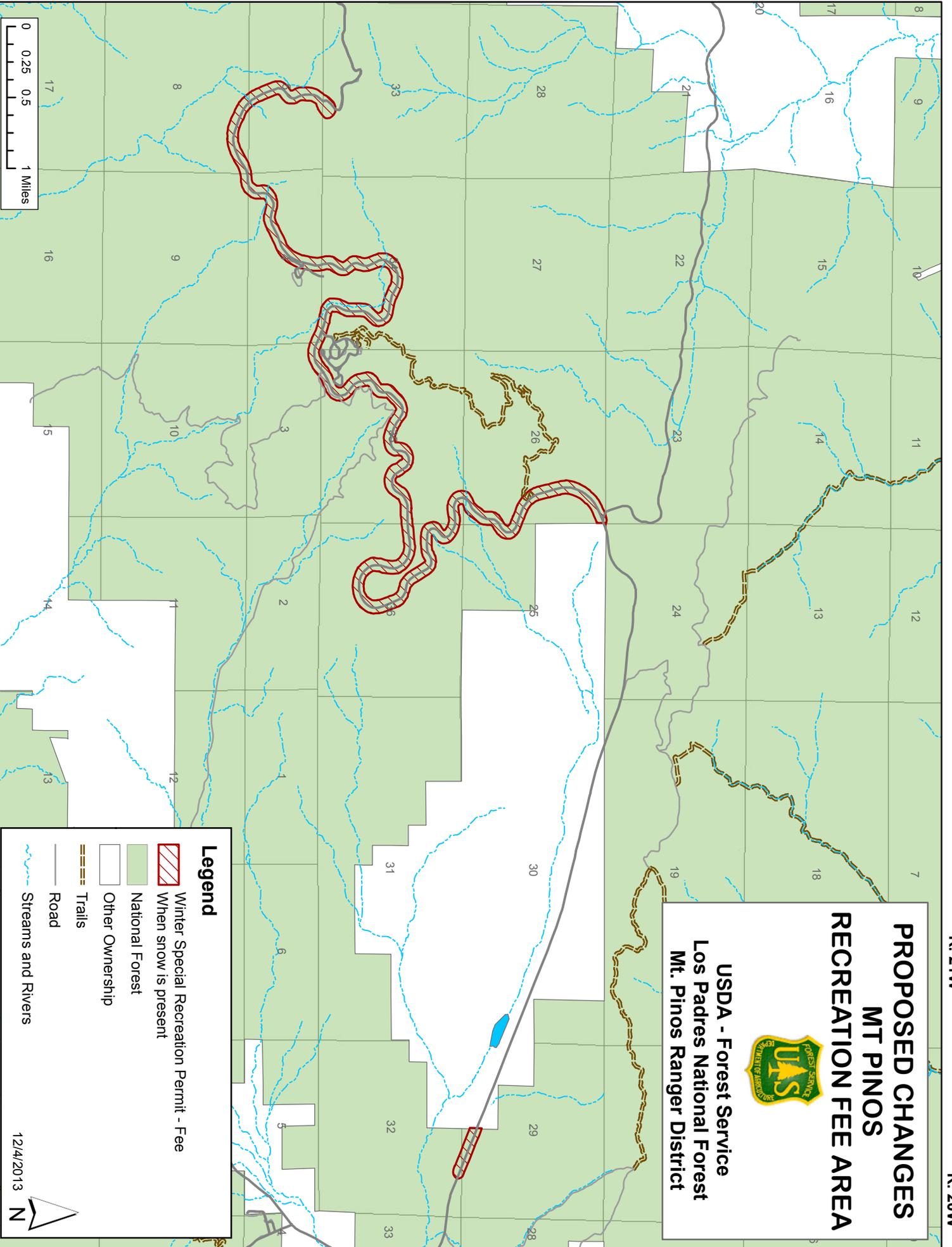
Public Involvement

Accomplished

The Forest Service sought public comment on the proposed changes and plans to submit the proposal to the R-RAC at the January 14-15, 2014 meeting.

The Forest has:

- Posted information on the proposed changes at the affected sites;
- Distributed a press release to local media contacts;
- Posted information on the Los Padres National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.



**PROPOSED CHANGES
MT PINOS
RECREATION FEE AREA**



**USDA - Forest Service
Los Padres National Forest
Mt. Pinos Ranger District**

Legend

 Winter Special Recreation Permit - Fee
When snow is present

 National Forest

 Other Ownership

 Trails

 Road

 Streams and Rivers



Los Padres National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Pozo–La Panza Recreation Fee Area

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 Los Padres National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for four areas (Ballinger, Figueroa Mountain, Goldhill, and Rose Valley); change the type of recreation fee charged from an SAF to a special recreation permit (SRP) fee for winter recreation at Mt. Pinos and OHV use at Pozo –La Panza; and significantly reduce the size of the remaining Santa Ynez SAF area. Based on direction regarding implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Los Padres 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 Pozo –La Panza area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The Pozo –La Panza Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area is located approximately 30 miles from San Luis Obispo, California. The area is best known for the year-round OHV riding opportunities, with 18 riding trails ranging from easy to most difficult, totaling 47 miles. The area is also a favorite wildflower viewing area, with a popular annually occurring, ranger-led wildflower tour. This area borders the Machesna Wilderness, offering spectacular hunting opportunities for different varieties of game. Other recreational activities include cycling, camping, and horseback riding.

Pozo–La Panza Recreation Fee Proposal

The Los Padres National Forest is proposing to:

- Change the type of recreation fee charged for the Pozo –La Panza OHV Area from an SAF to an SRP fee (see attached map); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes for payment of the recreation fee.

Fee Collection and Compliance

No change is being proposed to the recreation fee charged at the Pozo–La Panza OHV Area. 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 Adventure Pass is available at Forest Service offices, local vendors, and on line. The use of recreation passes as a fee payment mechanism for the SRP fee 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 issue notices of required fees and enforce recreation fees within the Pozo–La Panza OHV Area. Compliance is and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes displayed on vehicles parked within this recreation area.

Anticipated Impacts of the Change

There are no anticipated financial impacts from the proposal. There are no anticipated impacts on natural resources from the proposal. There are no anticipated changes in visitor use from the proposal. There would be no change in operation or management of the Pozo–La Panza OHV Area as a result of the proposed changes.

Planned Accomplishments

Recreation fee revenue would fund operation and maintenance of recreation sites, including trash and litter removal, toilet cleaning and pumping, graffiti removal, security patrols, facility repairs, compliance with designations for OHV use, specialized trail maintenance, erosion control, and hazard tree removal. Recreation fee revenue would also support facility enhancements such as toilet replacement and trail signing.

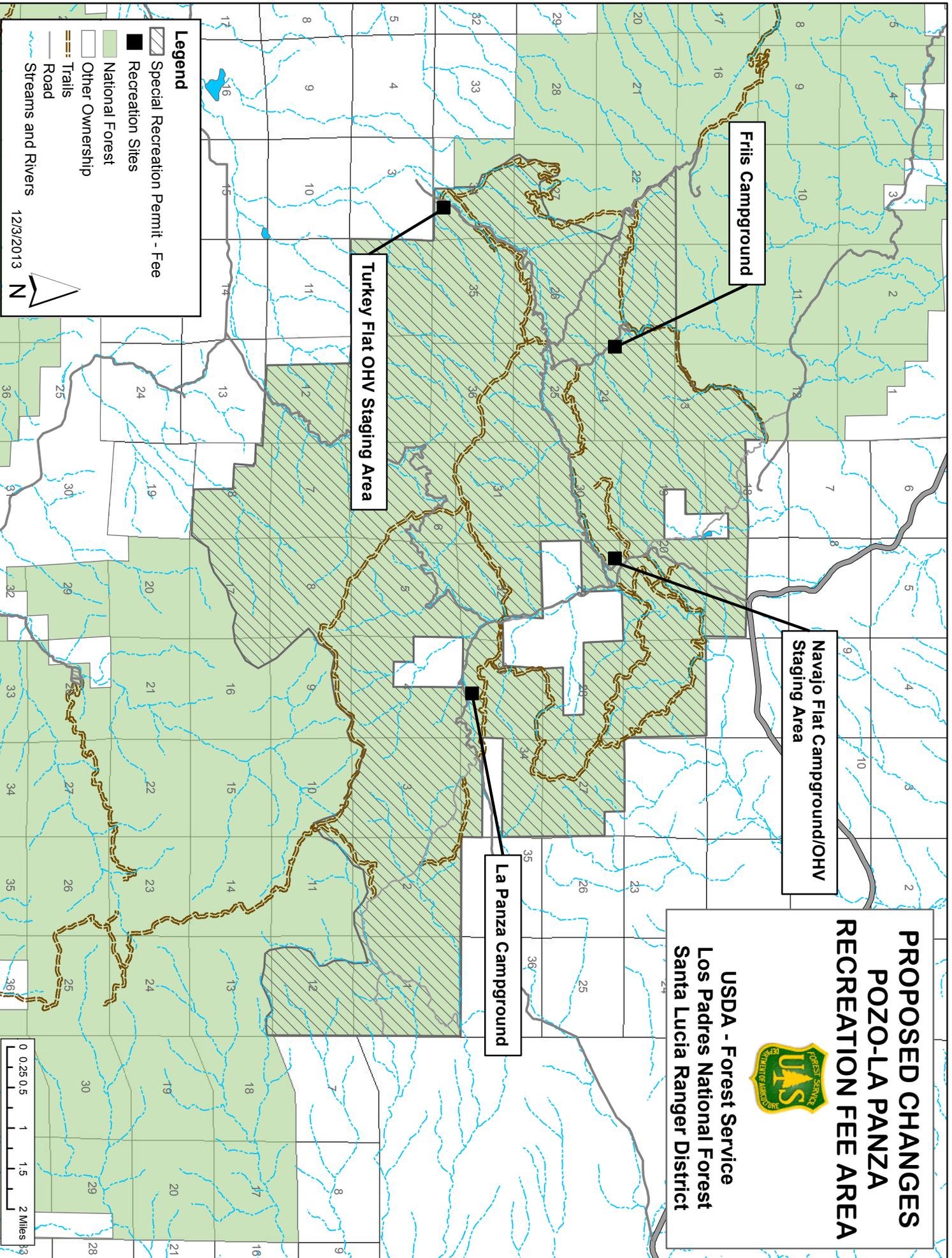
Public Involvement

Accomplished

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The Forest has:

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Friis Campground

Turkey Flat OHV Staging Area

Navajo Flat Campground/OHV Staging Area

La Panza Campground

PROPOSED CHANGES
POZO-LA PANZA
RECREATION FEE AREA



USDA - Forest Service
Los Padres National Forest
Santa Lucia Ranger District

Legend

-  Special Recreation Permit - Fee
-  Recreation Sites
-  National Forest
-  Other Ownership
-  Trails
-  Road
-  Streams and Rivers

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Los Padres National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Rose Valley Recreation Area

Background

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Description of the Recreation Area

The 3,130-acre Rose Valley area offers a wide variety of recreation opportunities in a wildland setting that is within a one hour drive of the Ventura and Oxnard urban areas. Recreation opportunities include camping, picnicking, water play, fishing, hiking, backpacking, biking, horseback riding, hunting, and riding OHVs. The Rose Valley recreation area contains four miles of the Sespe Creek Wild and Scenic River. Many people come to the Rose Valley recreation area in search of relief from the heat and urban congestion.

Rose Valley Recreation Fee Proposal

The Los Padres National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Rose Valley SAF area designation (see enclosed map);
- Retain two SAF sites (see Table 1);
- Retain two expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) sites (see Table 2);
- Eliminate recreation fees at three SAF sites: Upper Rose Valley Lake Day Use Area, Lower Rose Valley Day Use Area, and Howard Creek Trailhead; and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation fee sites and areas.

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Piedra Blanca Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Table 2. Expanded Amenity Recreation Sites (Passes Accepted)

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

Fee Collection and Compliance

If the proposal is adopted 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).

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Anticipated Financial 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: litter and trash removal, toilet pumping and cleaning, graffiti removal, security patrols, maintenance of information and interpretive signs, and facility repairs.

Public Involvement

Accomplished

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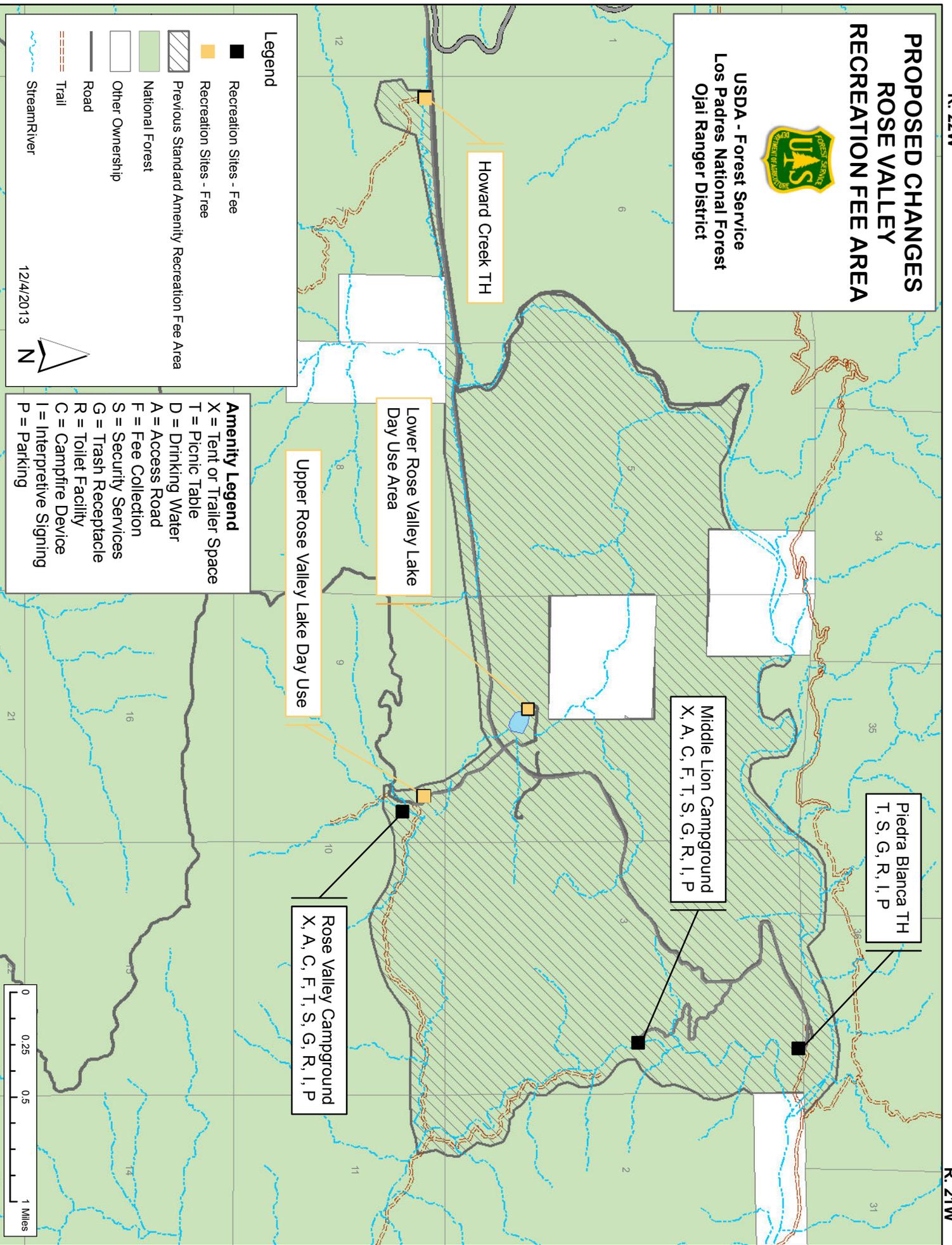
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- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

PROPOSED CHANGES ROSE VALLEY RECREATION FEE AREA



USDA - Forest Service
Los Padres National Forest
Ojai Ranger District



Legend

- Recreation Sites - Fee
- Recreation Sites - Free
- ▨ Previous Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
- National Forest
- Other Ownership
- Road
- - - Trail
- ~ Stream/River

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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Los Padres National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Santa Ynez Recreation Fee Area

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 Los Padres National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for four areas (Ballinger, Figueroa Mountain, Goldhill, and Rose Valley); change the type of recreation fee charged from an SAF to a special recreation permit (SRP) fee for winter recreation at Mt. Pinos and OHV use at Pozo–La Panza; and significantly reduce the size of the remaining Santa Ynez SAF area. Based on direction regarding implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Los Padres 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 Santa Ynez SAF area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The Lower Santa Ynez standard amenity recreation fee area is located approximately 18 miles from Santa Barbara and 21 miles from Solvang, California. Thousands of visitors come to enjoy the unique oak-lined river canyon ecosystem. Recreation opportunities include: camping, picnicking, water play, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle travel. Many people come to the Lower Santa Ynez Canyon to find relief from the heat and urban congestion.

Santa Ynez Recreation Fee Proposal

The Los Padres National Forest is proposing to:

- Substantially reduce the size of the Santa Ynez SAF area to include (see enclosed map):
 - A small SAF area encompassing the Sage Hill Group Campground/Aliso Trailhead (see Table 1);
 - A small SAF area encompassing the Upper Oso Campground/ Upper Oso Trailhead (see Table 1);
 - A small SAF area encompassing the First Crossing Day Use Area and Lower Oso Day Use Area (see Table 1);
 - A small SAF area encompassing the Falls Day Use Area (see Table 1);

- A small SAF area encompassing the Live Oak Day Use Area, Red Rock Day Use Area, Sandstone Day Use Area and Red Rock Trailhead (see Table 1);
- Retain one SAF site outside of the SAF areas (see Table 2); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the recreation fee sites and areas.

Table 1. Santa Ynez SAF Areas (Passes Accepted)

Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Aliso Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Upper Oso Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
First Crossing Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lower Oso Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Falls Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Red Rock Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Sandstone Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Live Oak Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Red Rock Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y

Table 2. Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Site Outside the Santa Ynez SAF Areas (Passes Accepted)

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
White Rock Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Fee Collection and Compliance

If this proposal is adopted, a large portion of the recreation area would be available to the public free of charge. No change is being proposed to the recreation fees charged within the smaller SAF areas (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 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 issues notices of required fees at the recreation sites and areas identified in Tables 1 and 2. Compliance is verified and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes displayed on vehicles parked within the 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 be used to fund operation and maintenance activities at the recreation sites and areas where recreation fees are collected, including: traffic management, litter and trash clean up, graffiti removal, security patrols, facility cleaning, repair and maintenance, replace information and interpretive signing, road and trail maintenance, and hazard tree removal.

Public Involvement

Accomplished

The Forest Service sought public comment on the proposed changes and plans to submit the proposal to the R-RAC at the January 14-15, 2014 meeting.

The Forest has:

- Posted information on the proposed changes at the affected sites;
- Distributed a press release to local media contacts;
- Posted information on the Los Padres National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.
- Contacted local concessioner.

Legend

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

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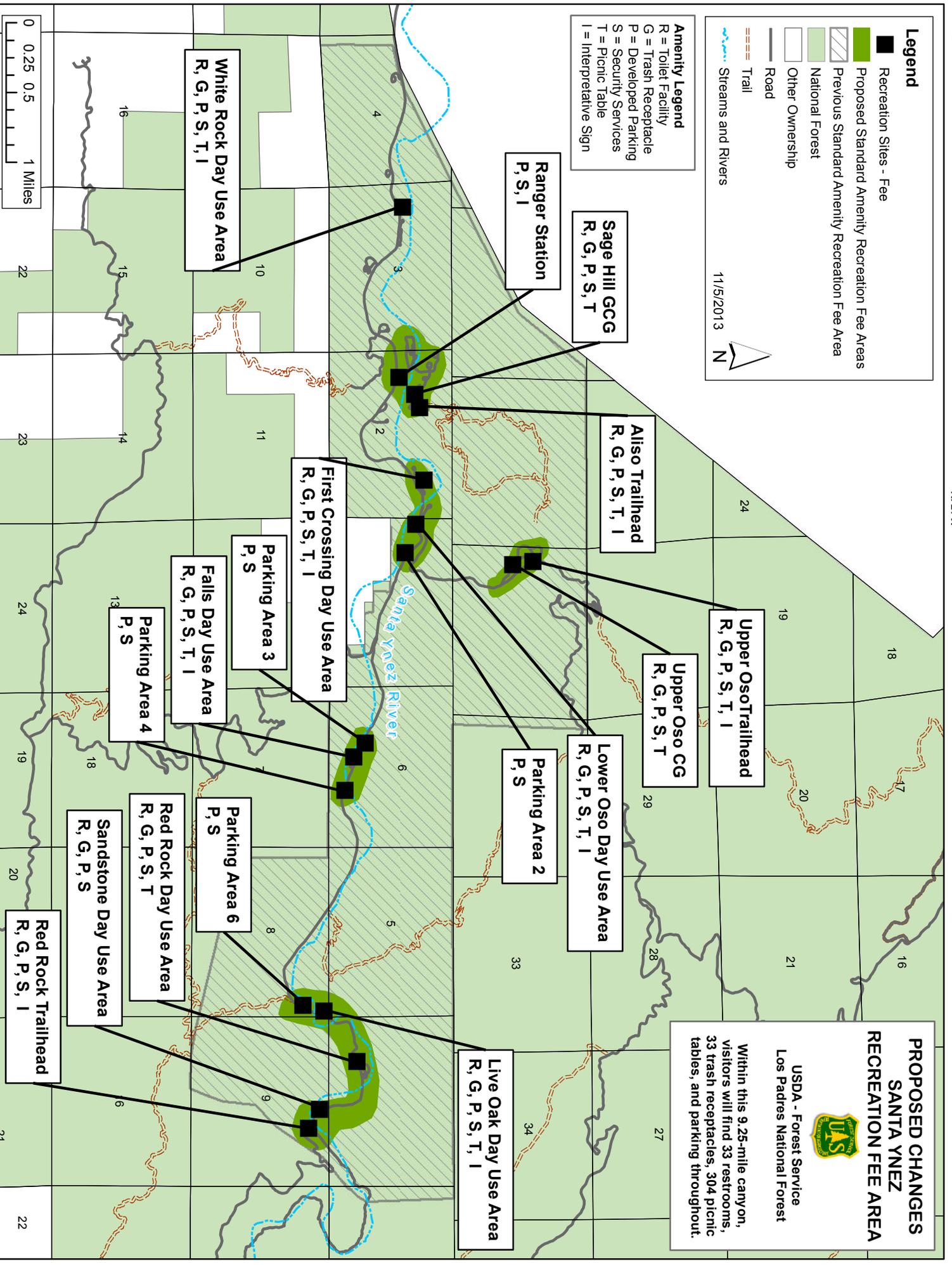
- Amenity Legend**
- R = Toilet Facility
 - G = Trash Receptacle
 - P = Developed Parking
 - S = Security Services
 - T = Picnic Table
 - I = Interpretative Sign

**PROPOSED CHANGES
SANTA YNEZ
RECREATION FEE AREA**



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Within this 9.25-mile canyon, visitors will find 33 restrooms, 33 trash receptacles, 304 picnic tables, and parking throughout.



Ranger Station
P, S, I

Sage Hill GCG
R, G, P, S, T

Aliso Trailhead
R, G, P, S, T, I

Upper Oso Trailhead
R, G, P, S, T, I

Upper Oso CG
R, G, P, S, T

Lower Oso Day Use Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Parking Area 2
P, S

First Crossing Day Use Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Parking Area 3
P, S

Falls Day Use Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Parking Area 4
P, S

Red Rock Day Use Area
R, G, P, S, T

Parking Area 6
P, S

Sandstone Day Use Area
R, G, P, S

Red Rock Trailhead
R, G, P, S, I

Live Oak Day Use Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

White Rock Day Use Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

