

San Bernardino National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Arrowhead 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 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 charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for four winter recreation locations (Barton Flats, Snow Valley, Aspen Glen, and Rim), and four 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 Arrowhead area.

Description of the Recreation Area

A scenic mountain retreat for residents and visitors alike, the Arrowhead area has large areas of urban development on private lands in and around Lake Arrowhead, surrounded by national forest. Montane conifer forest, a perennial stream in Deep Creek, and abundant recreation opportunities characterize this area. The National Children's Forest is a living classroom for environmental education. Visitors access the area primarily by California State Highways 138 and 18, known as the Rim of the World Scenic Byway.

Abundant recreation opportunities are found here by local residents and the large and diverse influx of seasonal visitors. Hiking, backpacking, camping, fly-fishing, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, fern gathering, mountain biking, hunting, pleasure driving and 4-wheel driving opportunities are popular. Recreational target shooting is popular in the fall in specific areas managed for that activity. Once snow can be viewed from the Los Angeles metropolitan area, winter recreation is extremely popular in the area managed for that purpose. Over-snow vehicle use is a popular winter activity on National Forest System Road 1N96. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the Camp Creek National Recreation Trail provide popular hiking, backpacking, and equestrian opportunities; non-motorized and motorized trail opportunities are present along the North Shore National Recreation Trail.

Arrowhead Recreation Fee Proposal

The San Bernardino National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Arrowhead SAF area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain eight SAF sites (Table 1);
- Retain one expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) site (Table 2);
- Change the fee type from SAF to SRP fee for recreational target shooting at 1N09 location (see enclosed map);
- Change the fee type from SAF to SRP fee for winter recreation at Rim and Snow Valley locations (when snow is present), see enclosed map;
- Eliminate recreation fees at 12 sites and areas: Camp Creek NRT Trailhead, Exploration Trailhead, Fisherman's Trailhead, Holcomb Crossing Trail Camp, Keller Peak Camping Area, Keller Peak Fire Lookout, Little Green Valley Trailhead, North Shore NRT Trailhead, Rock Camp/ Metate Trailhead, Strawberry Peak Fire Lookout, T6 Crossing Trailhead, and Tunnell II Trailhead; and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation fee sites and areas, and for special recreation permits.

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Baylis Park Picnic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Children's Forest Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Crest Park Picnic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Heaps Peak Arboretum	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Miller Canyon OHV Staging Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pinnacles OHV Staging Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Splinters Cabin Trailhead/ Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Switzer Park Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Table 2. Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee Sites

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Spaces	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection	Security Services	Trash Receptacle	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Fisherman's Group Campground	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Note: No change, campground has a separate EAF fee.

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 at the recreation sites and areas listed in Tables 1 and 2, or to the recreation fees charged at the SRP locations. 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 the campground would continue to be the National Recreation Reservation Service.

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 recreation sites listed in Tables 1 and 2, and at the SRP locations, 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 and at the SRP locations.

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 recreational facilities, sanitation, public health and safety, and resources are unknown and would be monitored.

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; maintenance of information and interpretive signs; and facility repairs. Recreation fee revenue would also support facility enhancements such as bear-proof trash containers, picnic tables, and fire rings.

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 San Bernardino National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and

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- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

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**PROPOSED CHANGES
ARROWHEAD
RECREATION FEE AREA**



USDA - Forest Service
San Bernardino National Forest
Mountaintop Ranger District

Pinnacles OHV Staging Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Rock Camp/Metate Trailhead

Miller Canyon OHV Staging Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Tunnel II Trailhead

Strawberry Peak Fire Lookout

Baylis Park Picnic
T, S, G, R, I, P

Crest Park Picnic Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Heaps Peak Arboretum
T, S, G, R, I, P

North Shore NRT Trailhead

Splinters Cabin Trailhead/Picnic
T, S, G, R, I, P

T6 Crossing Trailhead

Fisherman's Trailhead

Fisherman's Group Campground
A, F, C, T, S, G, R

Little Green Valley Trailhead

Camp Creek NRT Trailhead

Snow Valley Winter SRP
(When snow is present)

Children's Forest TH
T, S, G, R, I, P

Keller Peak Camping Area

Keller Peak Fire Lookout

Exploration Trailhead

IN09 Shooting Area SRP

RIM Winter SRP
(When snow is present)

Switzer Park Picnic Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

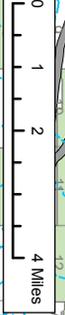
Legend

- Recreation Sites - Fee
- Recreation Sites - Free
- Special Recreation Permit - Fee
- ▨ Previous Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
- National Forest
- Other Ownership
- Road
- Streams and Rivers

Amenity Legend

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

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San Bernardino National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Barton Flats 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 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 four 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 Barton Flats area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The 22,159-acre Barton Flats area is dominated by the presence of Mt. San Gorgonio, the tallest peak in the Transverse Range, often referred to as the “Alps of southern California’. Visitors flock to the Barton Flats area to camp, picnic, swim, fish, hike, mountain bike, horseback ride, and backpack. When snow covers the mountains of southern California, the Barton Flats area is a favorite destination for thousands of visitors looking for a place to recreate in the snow. The Lightening Gulch recreational target shooting area is a popular destination year-round. The Santa Ana River is the largest and most heavily visited fishing stream on the forest.

Barton Flats Recreation Fee Proposal

The San Bernardino National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Barton Flats SAF area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain one SAF site (Table 1);

- Change the fee type from SAF to SRP fee for winter recreation at Barton Flats location (when snow is present), see enclosed map;
- Change the fee type from SAF to SRP fee for recreational target shooting at Lightening Gulch location (see enclosed map);
- Eliminate recreation fees at 13 SAF sites and areas: Aspen Grove Trailhead, Coon Creek Camping Area, Fish Creek Trailhead, Greyback Amphitheater, Forsee Trailhead, Jenks Lake Trailhead, Lost Creek Trailhead, Middle Control Road Day Use Area, Mission Springs Trail Camp, Rio Monte Vista Picnic Area, San Bernardino Peak Trailhead, Santa Ana River Trailheads, and Wildhorse Trailhead; and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation fee sites, areas.

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
South Fork Trailhead	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 South Fork Trailhead or to the recreation fees charged at the SRP locations. 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 listed in Table 1 and at the SRP locations. Compliance is 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 change. 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: trash and litter removal; toilet cleaning and pumping; graffiti removal; security patrols; maintenance of information and interpretive signs; and facility repairs. Fee revenue would also support facility enhancements such as bear-proof trash containers, picnic tables, and fire rings.

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 San Bernardino National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

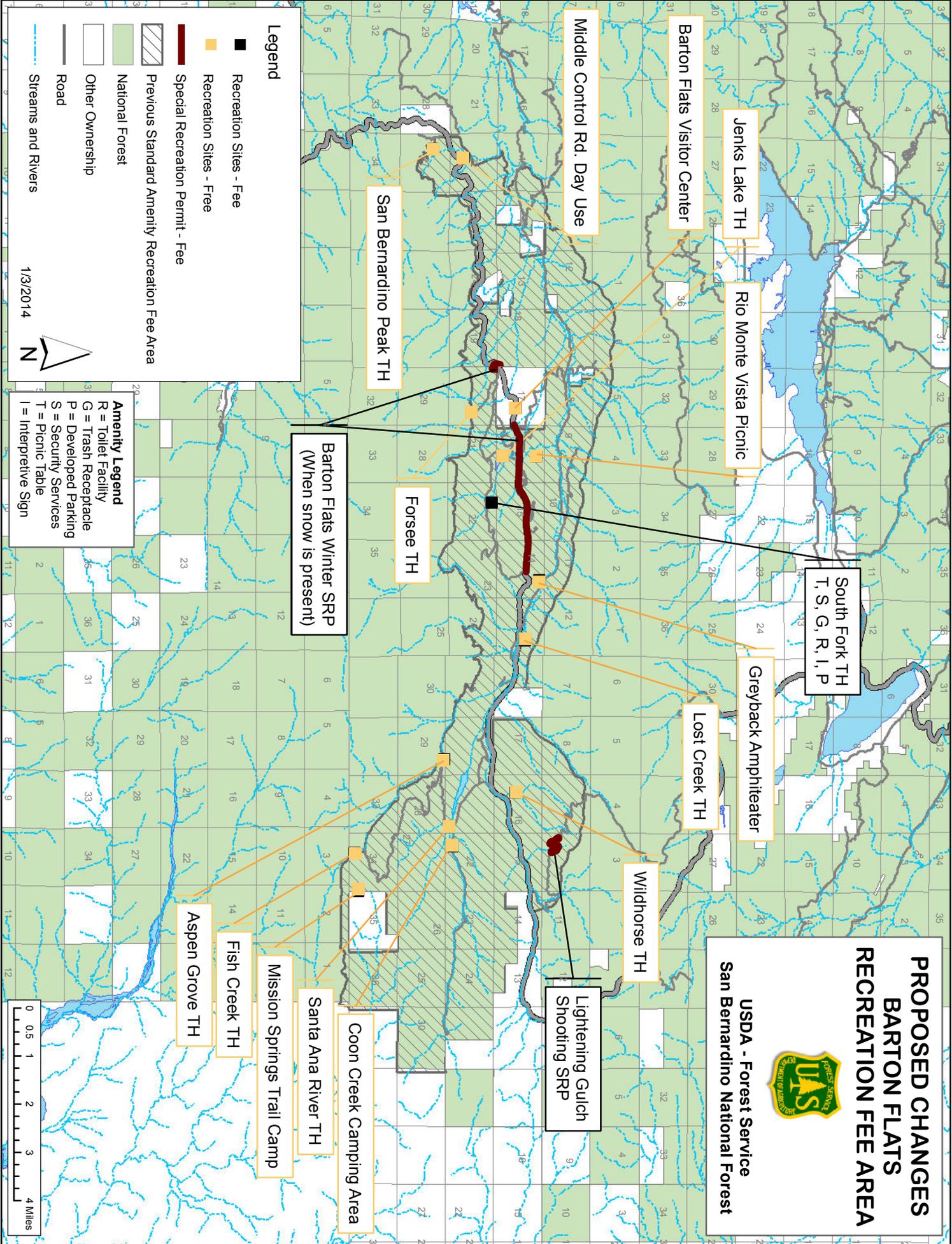
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**PROPOSED CHANGES
BARTON FLATS
RECREATION FEE AREA**



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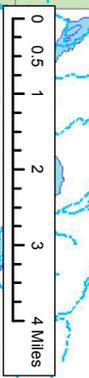
- Recreation Sites - Fee
- Recreation Sites - Free
- Special Recreation Permit - Fee
- Previous Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
- National Forest
- Other Ownership
- Road
- Streams and Rivers

Amenity Legend

- R = Toilet Facility
- G = Trash Receptacle
- P = Developed Parking
- S = Security Services
- T = Picnic Table
- I = Interpretive Sign



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San Bernardino National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Big Bear North 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 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 four 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 Big Bear North area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The Big Bear area, with the mix of urban development and surrounding public lands, is heavily used by both visitors and residents. Big Bear has a scenic, high-country landscape with abundant, year-round recreation and wildlife viewing opportunities. Millions of visitors from throughout southern California are drawn annually to this resort community known for its clean air, cool temperatures and mountain beauty. Big Bear Lake is the largest high elevation lake in southern California, with a surface area of approximately 10 square miles and a 23-mile shoreline. The area can be reached via California State Highways 18 and 38 (Rim of the World Scenic Byway).

This area is very heavily visited and a popular destination on weekends, holidays, and during the winter when snow is visible from the Los Angeles Basin. Quality visitor information, interpretation, environmental education and volunteer programs are offered at the Big Bear Discovery Center. Other popular activities include picnicking, fishing, camping, wildlife viewing, hiking, horseback riding, rock climbing, snowshoeing, snowplay and cross-country skiing. Portions of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail are located within the area.

Big Bear North Recreation Fee Proposal

The San Bernardino National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Big Bear SAF area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain seven SAF sites (Table 1);
- Change the fee type from SAF to SRP fees for two recreational shooting locations (Arrastre and Big Pine Flat), see enclosed map;
- Eliminate recreation fees at 11 sites: Belleville Interpretive Site, Big Bear North Camps, Butler Peak Fire Lookout, Holcomb Valley Trailhead, Clark’s Ranch Trail Camps, Doble Trail Camp, Gold Fever Interpretive Trailhead, Little Bear Springs Trail Camp, and three Pacific Crest Trailheads; 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
Cactus Flats OHV Staging Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cougar Crest Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gray's Peak Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grout Bay Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Juniper Point Picnic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Meadows Edge Picnic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Woodland Trailhead	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 Table 1, or to the recreation fees charged at the SRP locations. 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 Table 1, and at the SRP locations, 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 the recreation sites and areas, and at the SRP locations.

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: trash and litter removal; toilet cleaning and pumping; graffiti removal; security patrols; maintenance of information and interpretive signs; and facility repairs. Fee revenue would also support facility enhancements such as bear-proof trash containers, picnic tables, and fire rings.

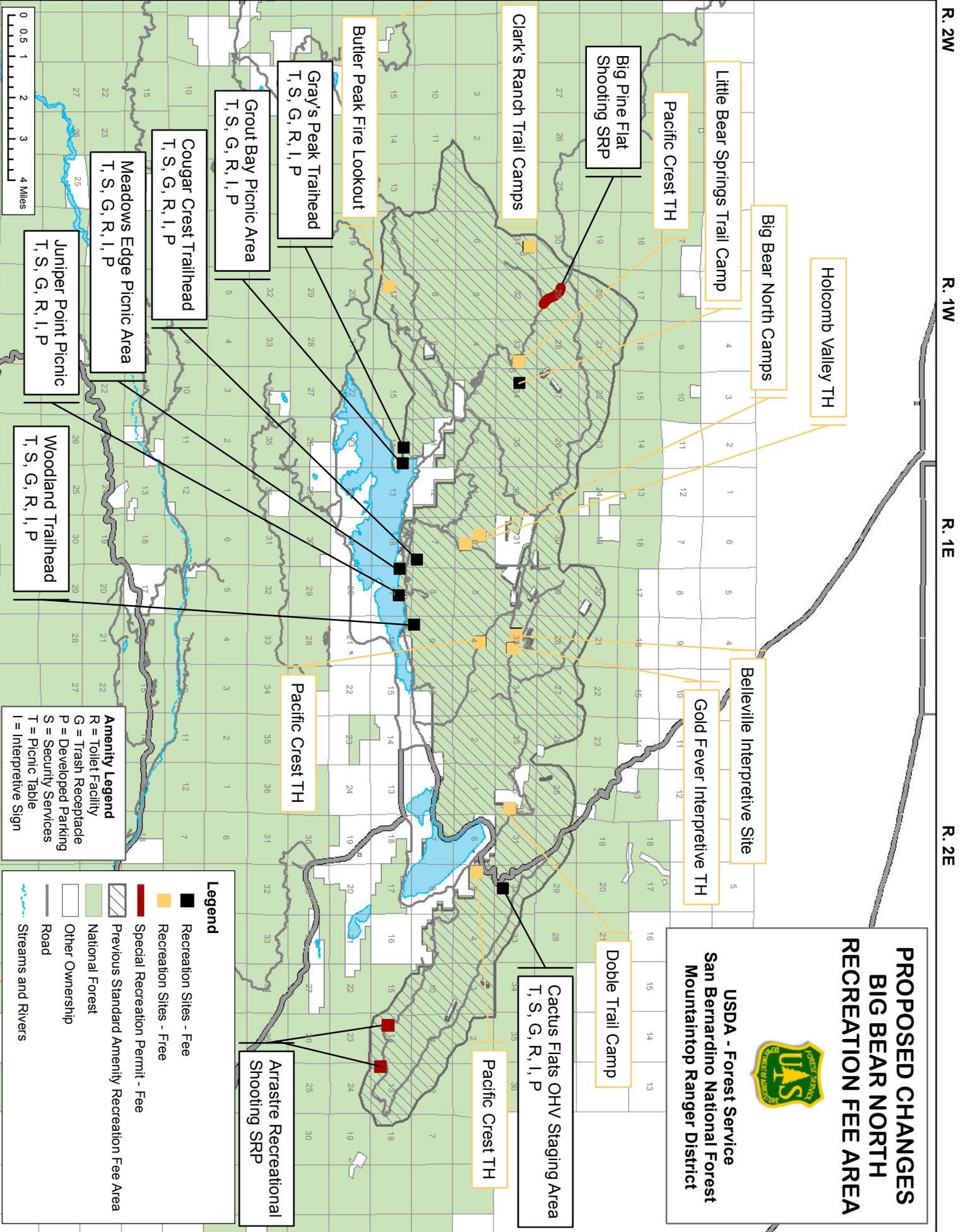
Public Involvement

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 San Bernardino National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.



**PROPOSED CHANGES
BIG BEAR NORTH
RECREATION FEE AREA**



USDA - Forest Service
San Bernardino National Forest
Mountaintop Ranger District

- Amenity Legend**
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- Legend**
- Recreation Sites - Fee
 - Recreation Sites - Free
 - Special Recreation Permit - Fee
 - ▨ Previous Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
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Holcomb Valley TH

Big Bear North Camps

Little Bear Springs Trail Camp

Pacific Crest TH

Big Pine Flat Shooting SRP

Clark's Ranch Trail Camps

Butler Peak Fire Lookout

Gray's Peak Trailhead
T, S, G, R, I, P

Grout Bay Picnic Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Cougar Crest Trailhead
T, S, G, R, I, P

Meadows Edge Picnic Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Juniper Point Picnic
T, S, G, R, I, P

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

Belleville Interpretive Site

Gold Fever Interpretive TH

Pacific Crest TH

Doble Trail Camp

Cactus Flats OHV Staging Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Pacific Crest TH

Arrastre Recreational Shooting SRP

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Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Big Bear South 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 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 four 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 Big Bear South area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The Big Bear area, with the mix of urban development and surrounding public lands, is heavily used by both visitors and residents. Big Bear has a scenic, high-country landscape with abundant, year-round recreation and wildlife viewing opportunities. Millions of visitors from throughout southern California are drawn annually to this resort community known for its clean air, cool temperatures and mountain beauty. Big Bear Lake is the largest high elevation lake in southern California, with a surface area of approximately 10 square miles and a 23-mile shoreline. The area can be reached via California State Highways 18 and 38 (Rim of the World Scenic Byway).

This area is very heavily visited and a popular destination on weekends, holidays, and during the winter when snow is visible from the Los Angeles Basin. Other popular activities include picnicking, fishing, camping, wildlife viewing, hiking, horseback riding, rock climbing, snowshoeing, snowplay and cross-country skiing. Portions of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail are located within the area.

Big Bear South Recreation Fee Proposal

The San Bernardino National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Big Bear South SAF area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain one SAF site (Table 1);
- Change the fee type from SAF to SRP fee for winter recreation at Aspen Glen Winter location (when snow is present), see enclosed map;
- Eliminate recreation fees at six SAF sites and areas: Big Bear South Camping Area, Bluff Mesa Trailhead, Castle Rock Trailheads (North and South), Champion Lodgepole Pine Interpretive Site and Seven Oaks Trailhead; and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation fee sites, areas.

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Aspen Glen Picnic	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 Aspen Glen Picnic or to the recreation fees charged at the SRP location. 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 Table 1, at the SRP location. 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

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Planned Accomplishments

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Public Involvement

Accomplished

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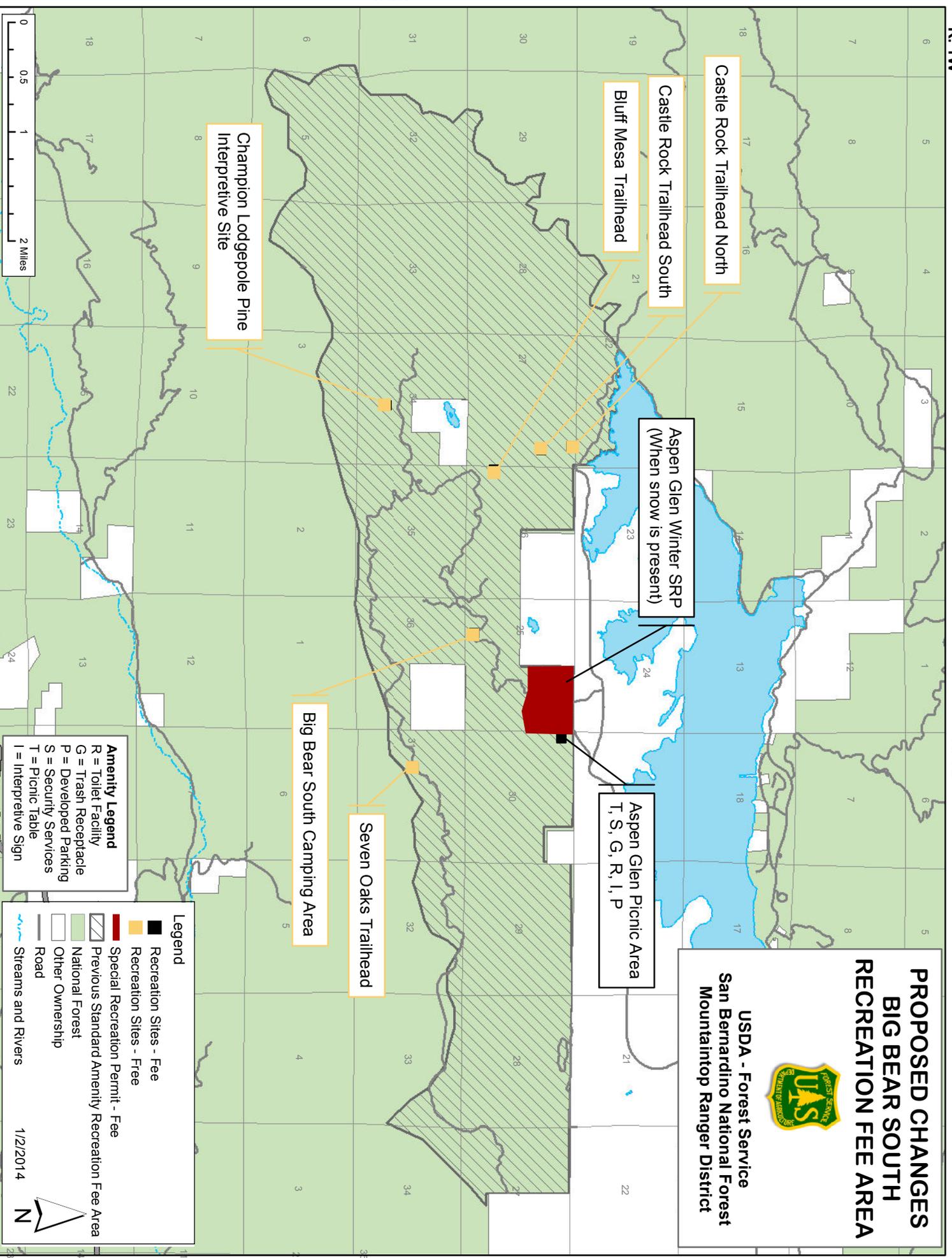
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**PROPOSED CHANGES
BIG BEAR SOUTH
RECREATION FEE AREA**



**USDA - Forest Service
San Bernardino National Forest
Mountaintop Ranger District**



Castle Rock Trailhead North
Castle Rock Trailhead South
Bluff Mesa Trailhead

Aspen Glen Winter SRP
(When snow is present)

Aspen Glen Picnic Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Seven Oaks Trailhead

Big Bear South Camping Area

Champion Lodgepole Pine
Interpretive Site

- Amenity Legend**
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 - P = Developed Parking
 - S = Security Services
 - T = Picnic Table
 - I = Interpretive Sign

- Legend**
- Recreation Sites - Fee
 - Recreation Sites - Free
 - Special Recreation Permit - Fee
 - Previous Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
 - ▨ National Forest
 - ▨ Other Ownership
 - Road
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Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Black Mountain Recreation Fee Area

Background

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Description of the Recreation Area

The 9,050-acre Black Mountain 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 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). 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

Accomplished

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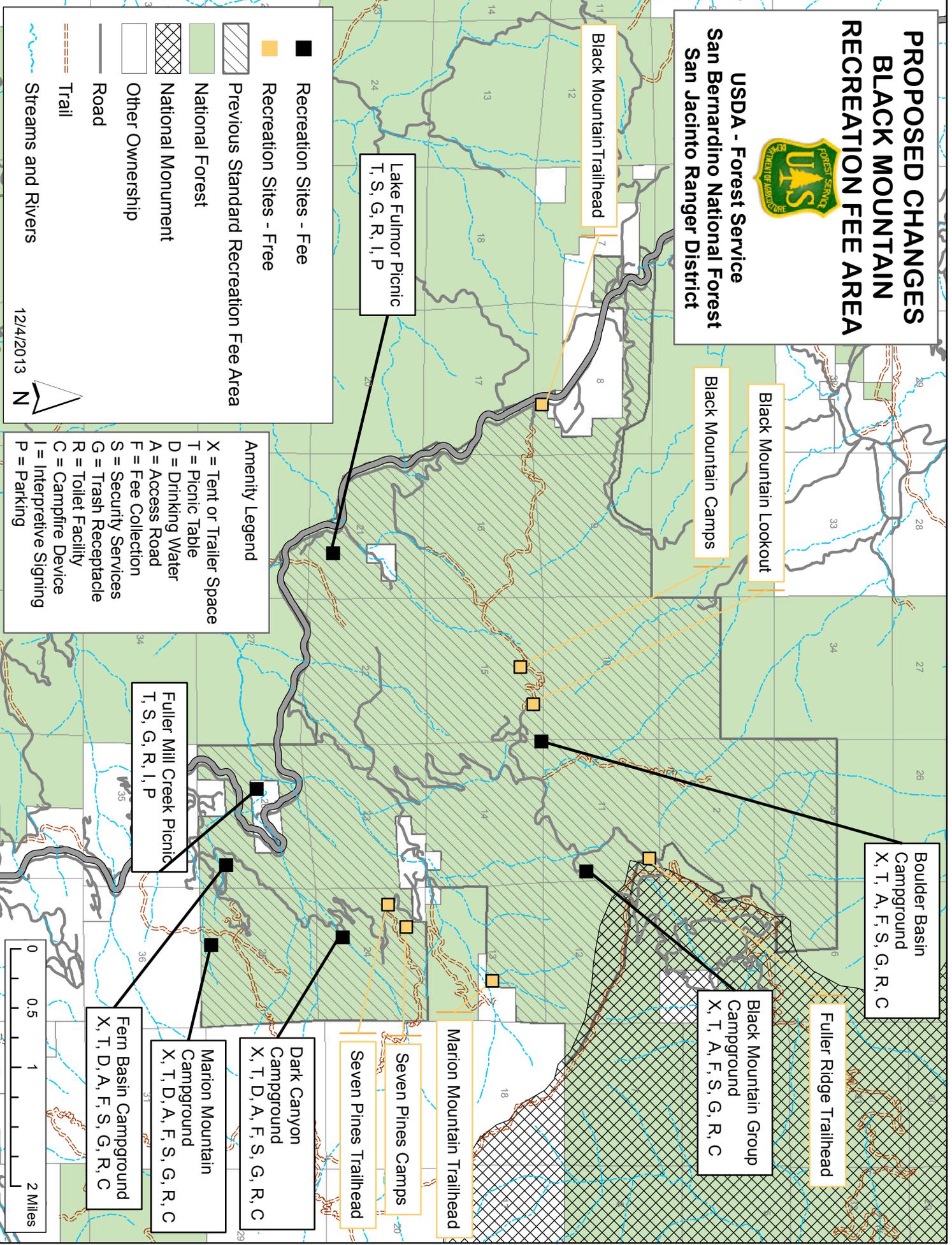
The Forest has:

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

PROPOSED CHANGES BLACK MOUNTAIN RECREATION FEE AREA



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San Jacinto Ranger District



Recreation Sites - Fee (Black square)

Recreation Sites - Free (Yellow square)

Previous Standard Recreation Fee Area (Hatched pattern)

National Forest (Light green)

National Monument (Cross-hatched pattern)

Other Ownership (White)

Road (Solid line)

Trail (Dashed line)

Streams and Rivers (Blue wavy line)

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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San Bernardino National Forest Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Falls 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 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 four 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 Falls area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The 1,050-acre Falls area is a rugged, scenic backdrop to an urban, growing San Bernardino Valley. Steep canyons shelter important riparian habitat. The heavily traveled California State Highway 38 (Rim of the World Scenic Byway) and Valley of the Falls Road provides a visitor portal into the communities and recreation opportunities of this high country recreation area. The Falls recreation area includes opportunities for water play along Mill Creek, picnicking, and hiking.

Falls Recreation Fee Proposal

The San Bernardino National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Falls SAF area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain two SAF sites (see Table 1); 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
Big Falls Trailhead/Fall Picnic Area/Vivian Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Momyer Trailhead	Y	Y(S)*	Y	Y	Y	Y

*Toilet is seasonal; recreation fee is waived with toilet is not present

Fee Collection and Compliance

If this proposal is adopted, a large portion of 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 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 issue notices of required fees at the recreation sites and area identified in Table 1, 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 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 fund operation and maintenance activities, including: trash removal, toilet pumping, graffiti removal, security patrols, maintenance of information and interpretive signs, water play area cleanup, and facility repairs. Fee revenue would support volunteers who staff visitor information stations.

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.

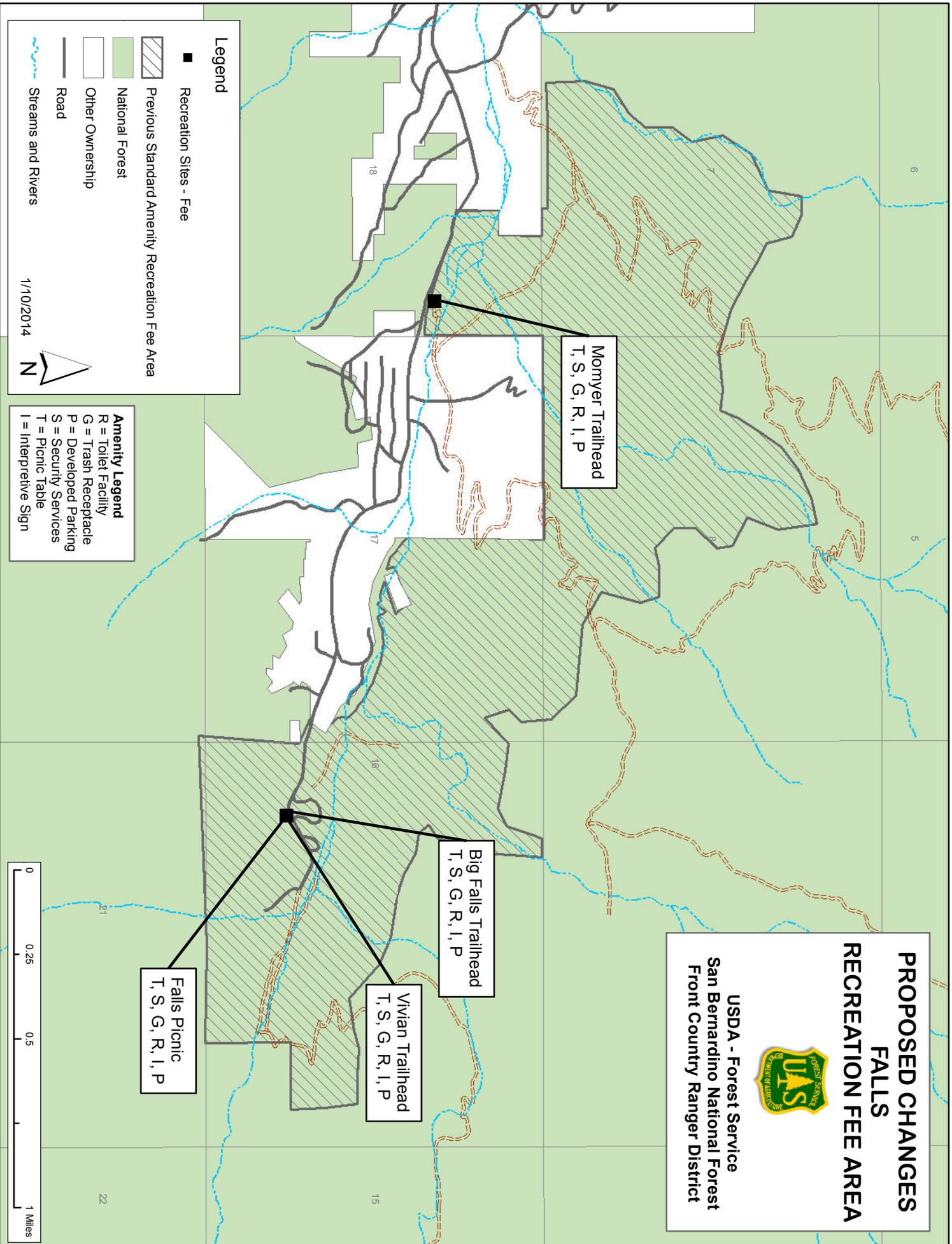
The Forest has:

- Posted information on the proposed changes at the affected sites;
- Distributed a press release to local media contacts;
- Posted information on the San Bernardino National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
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**PROPOSED CHANGES
FALLS
RECREATION FEE AREA**



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San Bernardino National Forest
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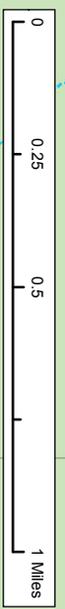


Legend

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

Amenity Legend

- R = Toilet Facility
- G = Trash Receptacle
- P = Developed Parking
- S = Security Services
- T = Picnic Table
- I = Interpretive Sign



San Bernardino National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Lytle Creek 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 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 four 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 Lytle Creek area.

Description of the Recreation Area

Lytle Creek offers popular year-round water based recreation opportunities. The area is known for steep, chaparral-covered hillsides with perennial and intermittent streams and fragmented riparian vegetation, coastal sage scrub, scattered groves of large sugar pine and big cone Douglas-fir. Lytle Creek is a very popular recreation destination; especially during the spring, summer, and fall months. Popular recreation activities include water play, fishing, picnicking, camping, and hiking. Trails into the Cucamonga Wilderness are located along the Middle Fork of Lytle Creek. A native plant garden with bilingual interpretive signing and interpretive displays are located at the Lytle Creek District Office.

Lytle Creek Recreation Fee Proposal

The San Bernardino National Forest is proposing to:

- Substantially reduce the size of the Lytle Creek SAF area to include (see enclosed map):

- A small SAF area encompassing Middle Fork Day Use (4 locations) and Middle Fork Trailhead (see Table 1);
- A small SAF area encompassing Bonita Falls Day Use, Green Mountain Day Use and Intake Day Use (see Table 1);
- A small SAF area encompassing Penstock Day Use and Long Bridge Day Use (see Table 1);
- Retain one SAF site outside the SAF areas (see Table 2); and
- Retain one expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) site outside the SAF areas;
- Retain the Chaparral Neighborhood Native Plant Garden and interpretive trail as a free site; and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation fee sites and areas.

Table 1. Lytle Creek SAF Areas (Passes Accepted)

Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Bonita Falls Day Use	Y	Y(S)*	Y	Y	Y	Y
Green Mountain Day Use	Y	Y(S)*	Y	Y	Y	Y
Intake Day Use	Y	Y(S)*	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lytle Creek Day Use (2 locations)	Y	Y(S)*	Y	Y	Y	Y
Middle Fork Day Use (4 locations)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Middle Fork Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

*Toilet is seasonal; recreation fee is waived when toilet is not present

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Applewhite Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Table 3. Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee Site

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Spaces	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection	Security Services	Trash Receptacle	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Applewhite Campground	Y	Y	Y	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 at recreation sites and areas listed in Tables 1, 2 and 3. 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 EAF fee in the Applewhite Campground will continue to be the 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 issues notices of required fees at the recreation sites and areas listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3, as reconfigured in the proposal for the R-RAC. Compliance is verified and would continue to be verified by observing recreation passes or fee envelopes (at EAF site) 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: toilet cleaning, trash and litter removal, graffiti removal, security patrols, cleaning and repair of facilities; removal of hazard trees, and management of traffic congestion and closures during high use periods.

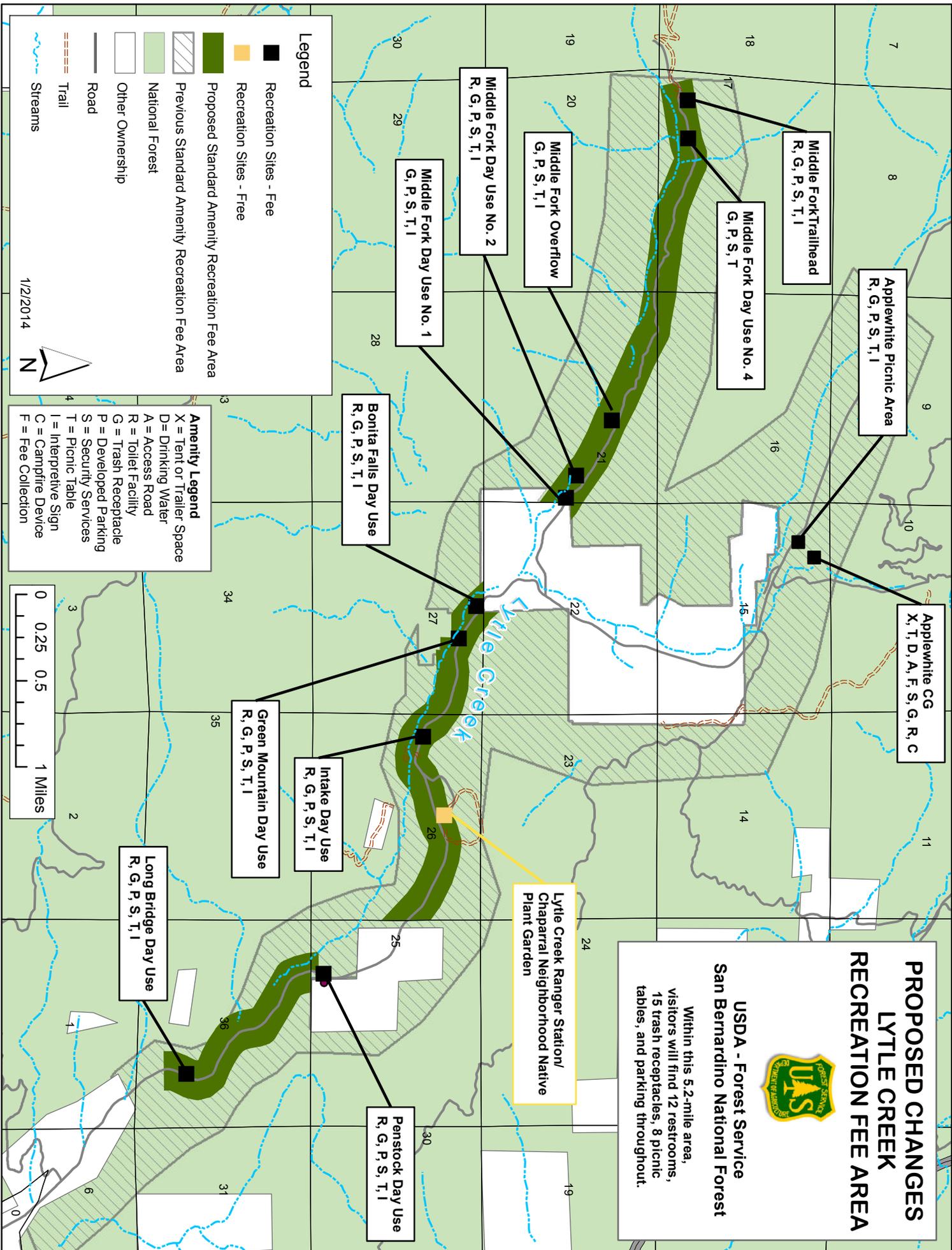
Public Involvement

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 San Bernardino National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
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**PROPOSED CHANGES
LYTLE CREEK
RECREATION FEE AREA**



**USDA - Forest Service
San Bernardino National Forest**

Within this 5.2-mile area, visitors will find 12 restrooms, 15 trash receptacles, 8 picnic tables, and parking throughout.

**Lytle Creek Ranger Station/
Chaparral Neighborhood Native
Plant Garden**

**Applewhite Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I**

**Middle Fork Trailhead
R, G, P, S, T, I**

**Middle Fork Day Use No. 4
G, P, S, T**

**Middle Fork Overflow
G, P, S, T, I**

**Middle Fork Day Use No. 2
R, G, P, S, T, I**

**Middle Fork Day Use No. 1
G, P, S, T, I**

**Bonita Falls Day Use
R, G, P, S, T, I**

**Green Mountain Day Use
R, G, P, S, T, I**

**Intake Day Use
R, G, P, S, T, I**

**Long Bridge Day Use
R, G, P, S, T, I**

**Penstock Day Use
R, G, P, S, T, I**

Legend

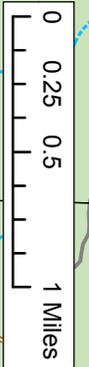
- Recreation Sites - Fee
- Recreation Sites - Free
- Proposed Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
- Previous Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
- National Forest
- Other Ownership
- Road
- Trail
- Streams

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Amenity Legend

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- P = Developed Parking
- S = Security Services
- T = Picnic Table
- I = Interpretive Sign
- C = Campfire Device
- F = Fee Collection



San Bernardino National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Thomas 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 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 four 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 Thomas Mountain area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The 2,020-acre Thomas Mountain area offers a distinctive, rural character, and remote open space, just miles from major urban centers. The nearby Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail marks the passage of early Spanish explorers through Bautista Canyon. This area is sparsely populated, with most of the population located in the adjacent communities of Hemet, San Jacinto and the Anza Valley. Most of the visitation focuses on hiking, biking, hunting and driving for pleasure. A designated OHV route system is nearby.

Thomas Mountain Recreation Fee Proposal

The San Bernardino National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Thomas Mountain SAF area designation, see enclosed map; and
- Eliminate the recreation fees at Thomas Mountain Camping Area and Toolbox Springs Camping Area.

Fee Collection and Compliance

If this proposal is adopted the recreation fees would be eliminated for the 2,020 acre Thomas Mountain SAF area.

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

There are no planned accomplishments from recreation fee expenditures; this proposal eliminates all recreation fees.

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 San Bernardino National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

**PROPOSED CHANGES
THOMAS MOUNTAIN
RECREATION FEE AREA**

USDA - Forest Service
San Bernardino National Forest
San Jacinto Ranger District



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



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