

Angeles National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Angeles Crest 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 Angeles National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for six areas (Angeles Crest, Elizabeth Lake, Frenchman's Flat, Front Country, Littlerock, and Rowher-Drinkwater); significantly reduce the size of four SAF areas (Big Pines–Big Rock, Big Tujunga, Mt. Baldy, and San Gabriel Canyon); and change the type of recreation fee charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for three winter recreation locations (Big Pines, Mt. Baldy, and Angeles Crest). Based on direction regarding the implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Angeles 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 Advisory Committee (R-RAC). This proposal addresses the recreation fee changes for the Angeles Crest area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The 21,800-acre Angeles Crest area is located in the mid-section of State Highway 2, the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway, which is the major route through the Angeles National Forest. Located within a one-hour drive from Los Angeles, the Angeles Crest recreation area provides opportunities to experience high elevation recreation opportunities within the San Gabriel mountain range. Popular recreation activities include: scenic driving along the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway; visiting the Chilao Visitor Center, an international bird watching site; hiking along the Pacific Crest Trail, Silver Moccasin and High Desert National Trails; camping; and picnicking. Once snow begins to fall, the Angeles Crest is a major winter recreation destination. Visible from most of the greater Los Angeles basin the snow-covered mountains are impossible to ignore. A multi-agency task force approach is used to prepare for and manage winter recreation visitation.

Angeles Crest Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Angeles Crest standard amenity recreation fee area, see enclosed map;
- Retain 12 standard amenity recreation fee sites (see Table 1);
- Retain six expanded amenity recreation fee sites (see Table 2);

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- Change the recreation fee type from SAF to SRP fee for winter recreation (when snow is present) at Angeles Crest (see enclosed map);
- Retain the Chilao Visitor Center as a free site;
- Eliminate the recreation fees at three expanded amenity recreation fee sites (Cooper Canyon, Little Jimmy, and Sulphur Springs Trail 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
Buckhorn Station Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Burkhardt Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Charlton Flat Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chilao Day Use Site	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Devil's Canyon Day Use Site	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eagle Roost Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Islip Saddle Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jarvi Vista Memorial Day Use Site	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shortcut Saddle Day Use Site	Y	Y(S)*	Y	Y	Y	Y
Three Points Day Use Site	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vista Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6000 Foot Day Use Site	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

*Seasonal toilet – recreation fee waived when toilets are not present

Table 2. Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee Sites

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Space	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection by FS	Security Services	Trash Receptacle	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Bandido Group Campground ¹	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Buckhorn Campground ¹	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chilao Campground - Little Pines ¹	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chilao Campground – Manzanita ¹	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Coulter Group Campground ²	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Horse Flat Campground ¹	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Space	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection by FS	Security Services	Trash Receptacle	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Meadow Group Campground ²	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

¹ No change, campground has a separate expanded amenity recreation fee

² Group campground reservations through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS)

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 and 2, 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 fee payment mechanism for expanded amenity recreation fees in the Coulter, Meadow, and Bandido Group Campgrounds would continue to be the NRRS. The fee payment mechanism for the Buckhorn, Chilao (Little Pines and Manzanita), and Horse Flat Campgrounds would continue to be through 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 and 2 and at the SRP location. 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 location.

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, including: trash removal, toilet cleaning and pumping, graffiti removal, security patrols, maintenance of information and interpretive signs, and facility repairs. Fee revenue also would support facility enhancements such as restroom replacement, animal-proof trash receptacles, picnic tables, fire rings, grills, 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 Angeles National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

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R. 10W

R. 9W

R. 8W

T. 5N

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T. 3N

T. 2N

T. 1N

PROPOSED CHANGES ANGELES CREST RECREATION FEE AREA



USDA - Forest Service
Angeles National Forest
Los Angeles River Ranger District

Angeles Crest SRP
(When snow is present)

Mt Waterman Ski Area

6000 Ft Day Use

Copper Canyon Trail Camp

Sulphur Springs Trail Camp

Burkhardt Day Use
T, S, G, R, I, P

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

Three Points Day Use Site
T, S, G, R, I, P

Islip Saddle Day Use Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Bandido Group Campground
F, C, X, T, A, G, R, I, S

Jarvi Vista Memorial Day Use Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Horse Flat Campground
X, C, A, T, S, G, R, I, F

Little Jimmy Trail Camp

Meadow Group CG
C, X, D, T, S, G, R, I, A, F

Chilao Visitor Center

Vista Picnic Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Eagle Roost Picnic Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Coulter Group Campground
C, X, D, T, S, G, R, I, A, F

Buckhorn Station Day Use Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Buckhorn Campground
X, T, S, G, R, I, C, D, A, F

Chilao CG - Manzanita
D, A, X, C, T, S, G, R, I, F

Devil's Canyon Day Use Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

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

Shortcut Saddle Day Use Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

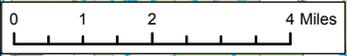
Charlton Flat Day Use Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Chilao CG - Little Pines
D, A, X, C, T, S, G, R, I, F

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

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



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Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Big Pines–Big Rock 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 Angeles National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for six areas (Angeles Crest, Elizabeth Lake, Frenchman’s Flat, Front Country, Littlerock, and Rowher-Drinkwater); significantly reduce the size of four SAF areas (Big Pines–Big Rock, Big Tujunga, Mt. Baldy, and San Gabriel Canyon); and change the type of recreation fee charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for three winter recreation locations (Big Pines, Mt. Baldy, and Angeles Crest). Based on direction regarding the implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Angeles 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 Advisory Committee (R-RAC). This proposal addresses the recreation fee changes for the Big Pines–Big Rock area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The Big Pines - Big Rock Recreation Areas and the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway are extremely popular recreation destinations. Big Pines Recreation Area was developed by the County of Los Angeles in the 1920’s as the County’s winter play area. Set in a conifer forest, the recreation area currently offers skiing, snow play, camping, picnicking, fishing and hiking opportunities. The remaining Big Pines Clubhouse information and interpretive site reminds visitors of this areas rich past. The Angeles Crest Scenic Byway traverses a portion of the Big Pines area and is considered one of the most scenic and remarkable scenic drives in California.

Big Rock Canyon offers camping, picnicking, fishing, water play and trail use. Sycamores, oaks, and a year-round stream offer popular overnight and day use opportunities. The High Desert National Recreation Trail is located within Big Rock Canyon.

Big Pines-Big Rock Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Substantially reduce the size of the Big Pines-Big Rock SAF area to include (see enclosed map):

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- A small SAF area encompassing the Jackson Lake Picnic Area and Northshore Fishing Site (see Table 1);
- A small SAF area encompassing the Inspiration Point sites (see Table 1);
- Retain seven SAF sites outside of the SAF areas (see Table 2);
- Retain nine expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) sites outside of the SAF areas (see Table 3);
- Change the type of recreation fee from SAF to SRP fee for winter recreation (when snow is present) at Big Pines (see enclosed map); and
- Retain the Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and Big Pines Clubhouse (interpretive and information center) as free sites;
- Eliminate the recreation fees at two sites (South Fork Trailhead, and Cabin Flat Trailhead); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation fee sites and areas.

Table 1. Big Pines SAF Areas (Passes Accepted)

Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Northshore Fishing Site	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jackson Lake Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Inspiration Point (two sites)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Table 2. Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Sites Outside the Big Pines SAF Areas (Passes Accepted)

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Table Mountain Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mescal Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Pines Clubhouse Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arch Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grassy Hollow Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Westgate Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vincent Gap Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Table 3. Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee Sites Outside the Big Pines SAF Areas (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
Big Rock Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Blue Ridge Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Guffy Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lupine Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
South Fork Group Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Space	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection by FS	Security Services	Trash Receptacle	Toilet	Campfire Devices
South Fork Campground	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sycamore Flat Campground	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Appletree Campground	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Peavine 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 the recreation sites and areas listed in Tables 1, 2 and 3, 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 sites and areas listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3 and at the SRP location, 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 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 and litter clean-up;
- Traffic management on winter recreation weekends and holidays;
- Graffiti removal;
- Security patrols;
- Facility cleaning, repair and maintenance;

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- Hazard trees removal;
- Volunteer coordination;

Additional enhancements such as bear-proof trash containers, metal picnic tables, fire rings and cooking grills would be purchases and installed using 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 Angeles National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

Legend

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

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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

PROPOSED CHANGES BIG PINES - BIG ROCK RECREATION FEE AREA



USDA - Forest Service
Angeles National Forest
Santa Clara/Mojave Ranger District

T. 4N

T. 3N



Southfork CG
A, R, G, S, T, X, C, F

Southfork Trailhead

Sycamore Flat CG
A, R, G, S, T, X, C, F, P

Southfork GCG
A, R, G, S, T, X, C, F

Westgate Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Big Rock CG
A, R, G, S, T, X, C, F

Jackson Lake Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Vincent Gap Trailhead
R, G, P, S, T, I

Peavine CG
A, R, G, S, T, X, C, F, D

Jackson Flat GCG
A, R, G, S, T

Grassy Hollow Visitor Center
and Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Inspiration Point
R, G, P, S, T, I

Cabin Flat TH

Mountain Oak CG
R, G, P, S, T

Northshore Fishing Site
R, G, P, S, T, I

Mescal Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Appletree CG
A, R, G, S, T, X, D, C, F

Table Mtn Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Big Pines Highway
Day Use No. 2

Big Pines Highway
Day Use No. 3

Big Pines Clubhouse and Day Use
R, G, P, S, T, I

Big Pines Winter SRP
(When snow is present)

Arch Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Blue Ridge CG
A, R, G, S, T, X, C, F

Guffy CG
A, R, G, S, T, X, C, F

Lupine CG
A, R, G, S, T, X, C, F

Big Pines Highway
Day Use No. 1

Angeles National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Big Tujunga 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 Angeles National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for six areas (Angeles Crest, Elizabeth Lake, Frenchman's Flat, Front Country, Littlerock, and Rowher-Drinkwater); significantly reduce the size of four SAF areas (Big Pines-Big Rock, Big Tujunga, Mt. Baldy, and San Gabriel Canyon); and change the type of recreation fee charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for three winter recreation locations (Big Pines, Mt. Baldy, and Angeles Crest). Based on direction regarding the implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Angeles 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 Advisory Committee (R-RAC). This proposal addresses the recreation fee changes for the Big Tujunga area.

Description of the Recreation Area

Big Tujunga Creek is one of the very popular recreation destinations immediately available to visitors from the Los Angeles Basin. Popular recreation activities include water play, fishing, picnicking, and hiking.

Big Tujunga Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Significantly reduce the size of the Big Tujunga SAF area (see enclosed map and Table 1);
- Retain four SAF sites (see Table 2);
- Eliminate the recreation fee at Trail Canyon Trailhead; and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation fee sites and areas.

Table 1. Big Tujunga SAF Area (Passes Accepted)

Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacles	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
North Big Tujunga Day Use Area	Y	Y(S)*	Y	Y	Y	Y
South Big Tujunga Day Use Area	Y	Y(S)*	Y	Y	Y	Y

*Seasonal toilet - recreation fee waived when toilet not present

Table 2. Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Sites and Areas Outside the Big Tujunga SAF Area (Passes Accepted)

Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacles	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Delta Flats Day Use Site	Y	Y(S)*	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stonyvale Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vogel Flats Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wildwood Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

*Seasonal toilet - recreation fee waived when toilet not present

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 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 sites and areas listed in Tables 1 and 2. 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 including: trash removal; toilet cleaning and pumping; graffiti removal; security patrols; maintenance of information and interpretive signs; and facility repairs. Fee revenue also would support facility enhancements such as restroom replacement, animal-proof trash receptacles, picnic tables, fire rings, grills, 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 Angeles National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

Legend

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

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Amenity Legend

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

PROPOSED CHANGES BIG TUJUNGA RECREATION FEE AREA



**USDA - Forest Service
Angeles National Forest
San Gabriel Ranger District**

Within this 3-mile canyon,
visitors will find 18 restrooms,
16 trash receptacles, 30 picnic
tables, and parking throughout.

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T. 2N

Delta Flats Day Use Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Trail Canyon Trailhead

Wildwood Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

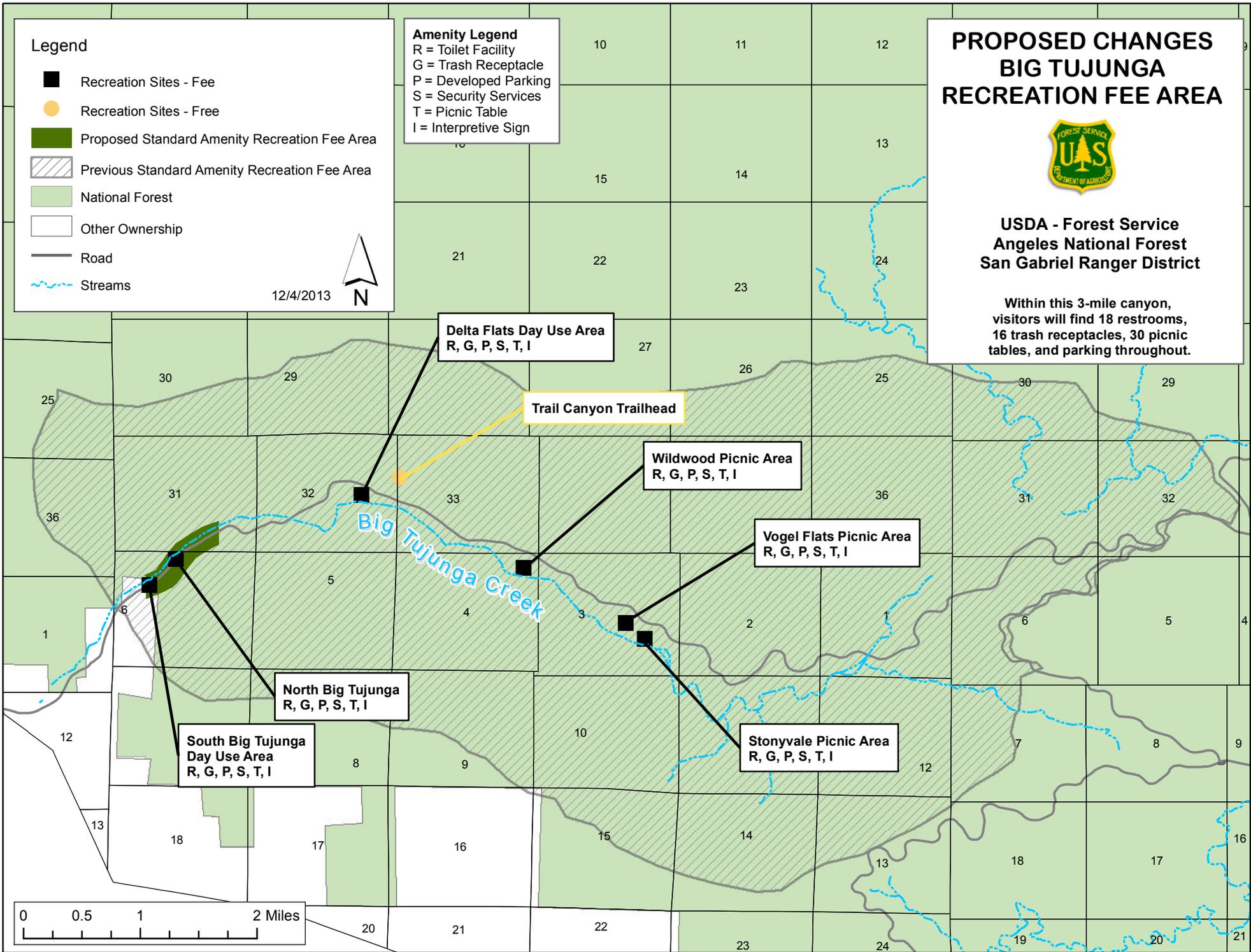
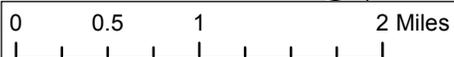
Vogel Flats Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

North Big Tujunga
R, G, P, S, T, I

**South Big Tujunga
Day Use Area**
R, G, P, S, T, I

Stonyvale Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

Big Tujunga Creek



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Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Elizabeth Lake Recreation Fee Area

Background

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Description of the Recreation Area

The 300-acre Elizabeth Lake area includes Elizabeth Lake and the surrounding lakeshore. Recreational activities include fishing, picnicking, and boating (small boats with motors less than 10 Horse Power).

Elizabeth Lake Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Elizabeth Lake SAF area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain the standard amenity recreation fee site, Elizabeth Lake Day Use Area (Table 1); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the SAF site.

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

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

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 Elizabeth Lake Day Use 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 enforce recreation fees and issues notices of required fees at the Elizabeth Lake Day Use Area. 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 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 clean-up;
- Toilet cleaning and pumping;
- Graffiti removal;
- Security patrols;
- Facility cleaning, repair and maintenance; and
- Interpretive sign maintenance and replacement.

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 Angeles National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and

Angeles National Forest – Elizabeth Lake Fee Proposal

- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

PROPOSED CHANGES ELIZABETH LAKE RECREATION FEE AREA

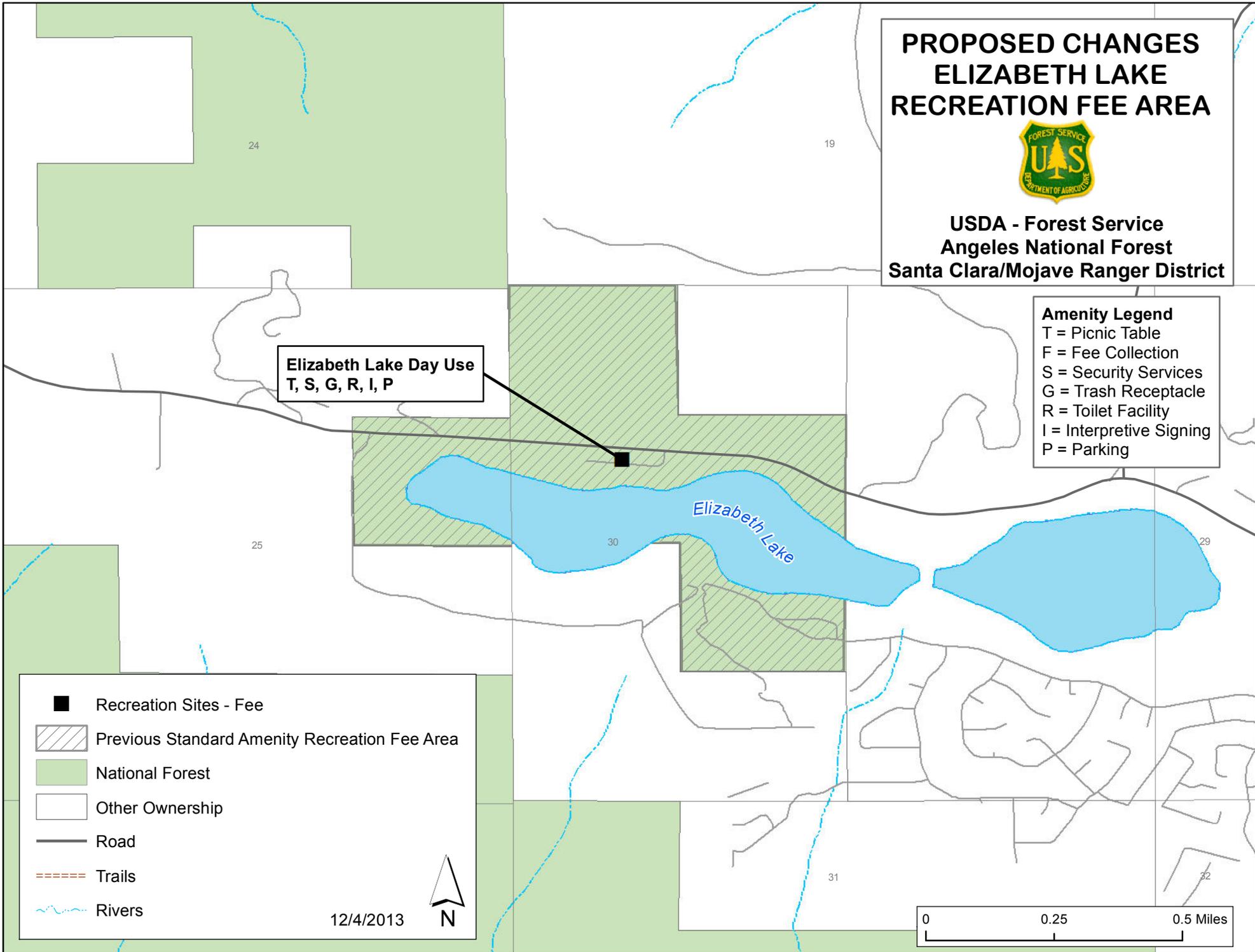
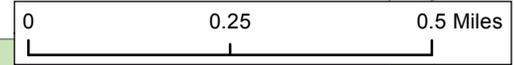


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Angeles National Forest
Santa Clara/Mojave Ranger District**

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**Elizabeth Lake Day Use
T, S, G, R, I, P**

- Recreation Sites - Fee
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 - National Forest
 - Other Ownership
 - Road
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 - Rivers
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Angeles National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Frenchman's Flat Recreation 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 Angeles National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for six areas (Angeles Crest, Elizabeth Lake, Frenchman's Flat, Front Country, Littlerock, and Rowher-Drinkwater); significantly reduce the size of four SAF areas (Big Pines–Big Rock, Big Tujunga, Mt. Baldy, and San Gabriel Canyon); and change the type of recreation fee charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for three winter recreation locations (Big Pines, Mt. Baldy, and Angeles Crest). Based on direction regarding the implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Angeles 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 Advisory Committee (R-RAC). This proposal addresses the recreation fee changes for the Frenchman's Flat area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The 2,200-acre Frenchman's Flat area is a popular riparian area most well-known for the Wild and Scenic River designation, and its native trout fishery. Recreation activities include wildlife viewing, swimming, hiking, and picnicking.

Frenchman's Flat Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Frenchman's Flat SAF area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain the Frenchman's Flat Day Use Area and Piru Ponds Interpretive SAF site (Table 1); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at recreation sites and areas.

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Frenchman's Flat Day Use Area and Piru Ponds Interpretive Site	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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 Frenchman’s Flat Day Use Area and Piru Ponds Interpretive Site. 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 listed in Table 1. 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 changes. Impacts on recreation facilities, sanitation, public health and safety, and resources are unknown and would be monitored.

Planned Accomplishments

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

R. 18W

R. 17W

T. 7N

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PROPOSED CHANGES FRENCHMAN'S FLAT RECREATION FEE AREA



**USDA - Forest Service
Angeles National Forest
Santa Clara/Mojave Ranger District**

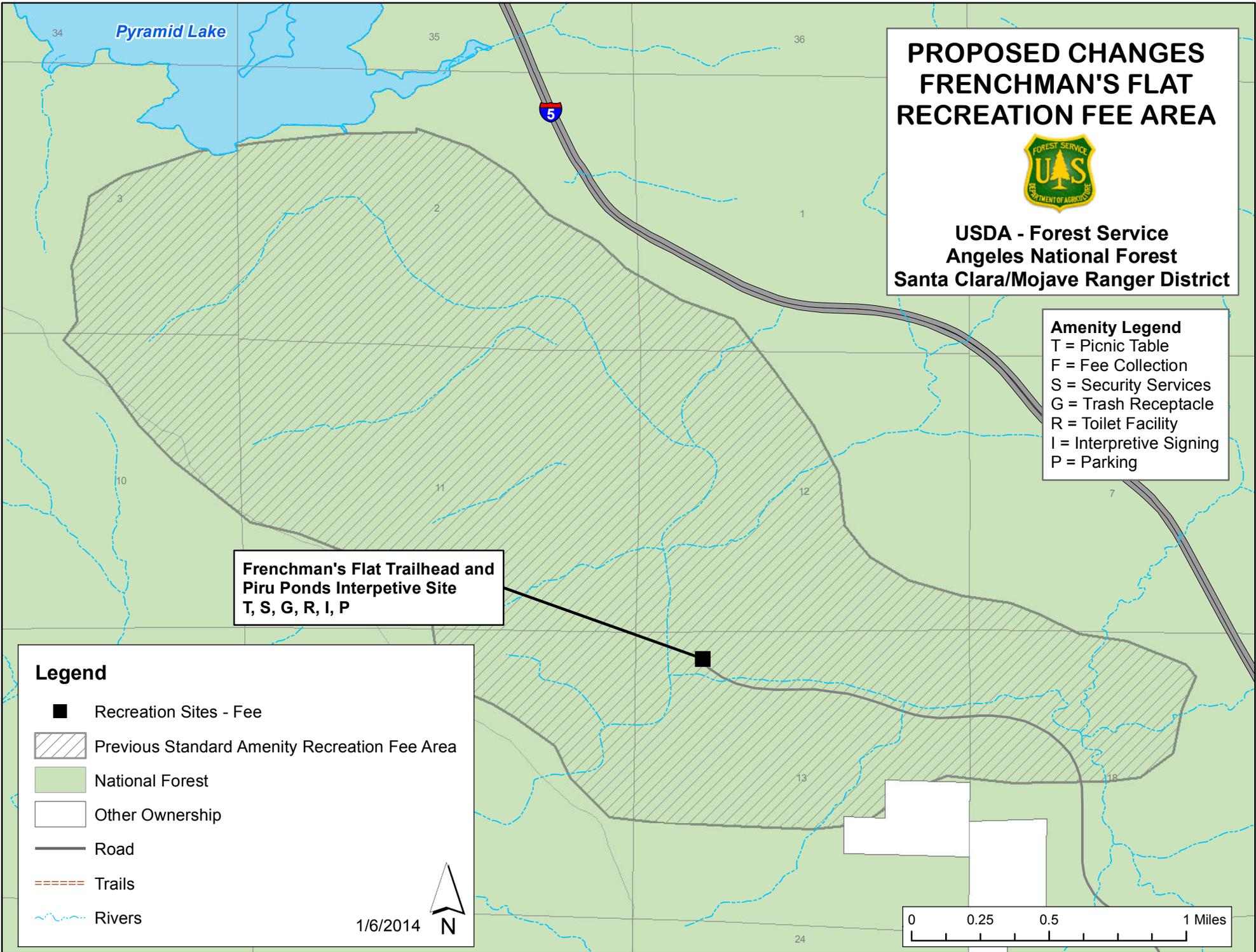
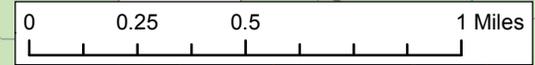
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 - P = Parking

**Frenchman's Flat Trailhead and
Piru Ponds Interpretive Site
T, S, G, R, I, P**

Legend

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

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Angeles National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Front Country 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 Angeles National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for six areas (Angeles Crest, Elizabeth Lake, Frenchman's Flat, Front Country, Littlerock, and Rowher-Drinkwater); significantly reduce the size of four SAF areas (Big Pines–Big Rock, Big Tujunga, Mt. Baldy, and San Gabriel Canyon); and change the type of recreation fee charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for three winter recreation locations (Big Pines, Mt. Baldy, and Angeles Crest). Based on direction regarding the implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Angeles 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 Advisory Committee (R-RAC). This proposal addresses the recreation fee changes for the Front Country area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The 23,700-acre Front Country area includes a series of popular canyons and the notable Mt. Wilson. Popular recreation activities include hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, picnicking, water play, and scenic driving. This area is especially popular with equestrian visitors due to the dense network of trails, trailheads, and trail camps. The Angeles Crest Scenic Byway provides numerous views of downtown Los Angeles and the ocean. Historic attractions include the privately owned Mt. Wilson Observatory and visitor center.

Front Country Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Front Country SAF area, see enclosed map.
- Retain five SAF sites and areas (see Table 1);
- Eliminate the recreation fees at seven SAF sites (Cascade Picnic Area, Eaton Saddle Trailhead, Echo Mountain Picnic Area, Georges Gap Trailhead, Inspiration Point, Sunset Ridge Trailhead, and The Pines Picnic Area) and eight EAF sites (Bear Canyon, Devore, Hoeges, Idlehour, Mt. Lowe, Spruce Grove, Valley Forge, and West Fork Trail Camps);
- Retain the Clear Creek Visitor Interpretive Site as free; 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
Chantry Flats Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Millard Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Red Box Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Skyline Park Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Switzers Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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 recreation fee sites 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 issues notices of required fees at the recreation sites and areas listed in Table 1. 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 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 including: trash removal; toilet cleaning and pumping; graffiti removal; security patrols; maintenance of information and interpretive signs; and facility repairs. Fee revenue also would support facility enhancements such as restroom replacement, animal-proof trash receptacles, picnic tables, fire rings, grills, 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 Angeles National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

R. 13W

R. 12W

R. 11W

R. 10W

PROPOSED CHANGES FRONT COUNTRY RECREATION FEE AREA



USDA - Forest Service
Angeles National Forest
Los Angeles River Ranger District

T. 3N

T. 2N

T. 1N

Mt. Lowe Trail Camp

Clear Creek Visitor Interpretive Site

Red Box Day Use Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

The Pines Picnic Area

Eaton Saddle Trailhead

Valley Forge Trail Camp

West Fork Trail Camp

Georges Gap Trailhead

Devore Trail Camp

Switzers Picnic Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

Spruce Grove Trail Camp

Bear Canyon Trail Camp

Cascade Picnic Area

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

Sunset Ridge Trailhead

Echo Mountain Picnic Area

Inspiration Point
S, I, P

Idlehour Trail Camp

Hoeges Trail Camp

Chantry Flats Day Use Area
T, S, G, R, I, P

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

Legend

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

Amenity Legend

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Angeles National Forest Change in Fee Structure: Littlerock 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 Angeles National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for six areas (Angeles Crest, Elizabeth Lake, Frenchman's Flat, Front Country, Littlerock, and Rowher-Drinkwater); significantly reduce the size of four SAF areas (Big Pines–Big Rock, Big Tujunga, Mt. Baldy, and San Gabriel Canyon); and change the type of recreation fee charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for three winter recreation locations (Big Pines, Mt. Baldy, and Angeles Crest). Based on direction regarding the implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Angeles 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 Advisory Committee (R-RAC). This proposal addresses the recreation fee proposal for the Littlerock area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The 13,400-acre Littlerock area includes facilities and recreational opportunities created by the Littlerock Dam and Reservoir. Popular recreation activities include fishing, boating, camping, off-highway vehicle riding, and picnicking. All but the Littlerock Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trailhead and riding area have been transferred to a concession operation.

Littlerock Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Littlerock SAF area designation, see enclosed map;
- Retain the Littlerock OHV Trailhead (see Table 1); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the Littlerock OHV Trailhead.

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

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacles	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Littlerock OHV Trailhead*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

*Seasonal – Open Labor Day until rainy season (when the reservoir is drained)

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 Littlerock OHV Trailhead. 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 Littlerock OHV Trailhead. 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 changes. Impacts on recreation facilities, sanitation, public health and safety, and resources are unknown and would be monitored.

Planned Accomplishments

Recreation fee revenue, in partnership with the California OHV Division, would fund operation and maintenance activities including: trash and litter removal, toilet cleaning and pumping, graffiti removal, security patrols, and OHV compliance checks.

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;

Angeles National Forest – Littlerock Fee Proposal

- Posted information on the Angeles National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

R. 11W

R. 10W

PROPOSED CHANGES LITTLEROCK RECREATION FEE AREA



USDA - Forest Service
Angeles National Forest
Santa Clara/Mojave Ranger District

Little Rock OHV Trailhead
T, S, G, R, I, P

T. 5N

T. 4N

T. 3N

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- Recreation Sites - Fee
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- National Forest
- Other Ownership
- Road
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Angeles National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Mt. Baldy 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 Angeles National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for six areas (Angeles Crest, Elizabeth Lake, Frenchman's Flat, Front Country, Littlerock, and Rowher-Drinkwater); significantly reduce the size of four SAF areas (Big Pines-Big Rock, Big Tujunga, Mt. Baldy, and San Gabriel Canyon); and change the type of recreation fee charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for three winter recreation locations (Big Pines, Mt. Baldy, and Angeles Crest). Based on direction regarding the implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Angeles 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 Advisory Committee (R-RAC). This proposal addresses the recreation fee changes for the Mt. Baldy area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The 11,500 acre Mt. Baldy area provides various year-round recreational opportunities. The recreation area includes the San Antonio Canyon, one of the most popular riparian canyons in southern California. The mountains can be seen from almost everywhere in the Los Angeles basin and the cooler temperatures, river, and natural beauty make this a prized destination for millions of visitors during the spring, summer, and fall. Inner city and urban youth and school groups visit the Mt. Baldy Visitor Center to participate in environmental education courses to learn about the National Forest that is in their backyard.

The year-round recreational opportunities found within the Mt. Baldy area are unique to southern California and are treasured. The most popular year-round recreation activities include hiking, camping, picnicking, fishing, water play, interpretive walks/talks, and enjoying nature. The snow covered mountains beckon valley residents to trek up the river canyon to Mt. Baldy to enjoy winter recreation activities.

Mt. Baldy Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Significantly reduce the size of the Mt. Baldy SAF area to encompass the Mt. Baldy Trout Pond and Mt. Baldy Day Use No. 1 areas (see enclosed map and Table 1);
- Retain three SAF sites (see Table 2);
- Retain one expanded amenity recreation fee (EAF) site (see Table 3);
- Retain the Mt. Baldy Visitor Center as a free site;
- Change the type of recreation fee from SAF to SRP fee for winter recreation (when snow is present) at Mt. Baldy location (see enclosed map); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the remaining recreation fee sites and areas.

Table 1. Mt. Baldy SAF Area (Passes Accepted)

Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Mt. Baldy Trout Pond	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mt. Baldy Day Use No. 1	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y

Table 2. Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Sites and Areas Outside the Mt. Baldy SAF Area (Passes Accepted)

Site Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Icehouse Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mt. Baldy Wayside	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
San Antonio Falls Trailhead	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
Manker Campground ¹	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

¹ No change, campground has a separate expanded amenity recreation fee of \$12.00/night. Adventure Pass accepted for day use.

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, 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 fee payment mechanism for the Manker Campground would continue to be through 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 listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3, and at the SRP location, 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 location.

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 cleaning and pumping; graffiti removal; security patrols; maintenance of information and interpretive signs; and facility repairs. Fee revenue would support facility enhancements such as toilet replacement, animal-proof trash receptacles, picnic tables, fire rings, grills, 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 Angeles National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

PROPOSED CHANGES MT. BALDY RECREATION FEE AREA



**USDA - Forest Service
Angeles National Forest
San Gabriel Ranger District**

Within this 1.4-mile canyon,
visitors will find 11 restrooms,
31 trash receptacles, 35 picnic
tables, and parking throughout.

Mt. Baldy Winter SRP

San Antonio Falls TH
R, G, P, S, T, I

Mt. Baldy Wayside
R, G, P, S, T, I

Manker CG
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Mt. Baldy Day Use No.1
G, P, S

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

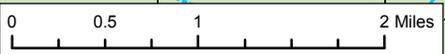
Mt. Baldy Trout Pond
R, G, P, S, T, I

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

Legend

- Recreation Sites - Fee (to be split to fee/free)
- Special Recreation Permit - Fee (When snow is present)
- Proposed Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
- ▨ Previous Standard Amenity Recreation Fee Area
- National Forest
- Other Ownership
- Road
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Angeles National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: Rowher/Drinkwater 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 Angeles National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for six areas (Angeles Crest, Elizabeth Lake, Frenchman's Flat, Front Country, Littlerock, and Rowher-Drinkwater); significantly reduce the size of four SAF areas (Big Pines-Big Rock, Big Tujunga, Mt. Baldy, and San Gabriel Canyon); and change the type of recreation fee charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for three winter recreation locations (Big Pines, Mt. Baldy, and Angeles Crest). Based on direction regarding the implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Angeles 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 Advisory Committee (R-RAC). This proposal addresses the recreation fee changes for the Rowher/ Drinkwater area.

Description of the Recreation Area

The Rowher/ Drinkwater area includes a series of canyons, the Rowher and Drinkwater Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Staging Areas, a vast system of OHV riding trails, and the heavily used Bouquet Canyon and San Francisquito Canyon OHV riding areas.

Rowher/Drinkwater Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Eliminate the Rowher/Drinkwater SAF area designation (see enclosed map);
- Retain two SAF sites (see Table 1);
- Eliminate fees at three SAF sites (Bouquet Crossing Trailhead, Los Cantillos Picnic, and Drinkwater OHV Staging Area); 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 Receptacles	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Rowher Flat OHV Staging Area 1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rowher Flat OHV Staging Area 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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 recreation sites and areas 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 areas listed in Table 1. 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 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 toilet replacement, bear-proof trash containers, picnic tables, and fire rings or cooking grills.

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;

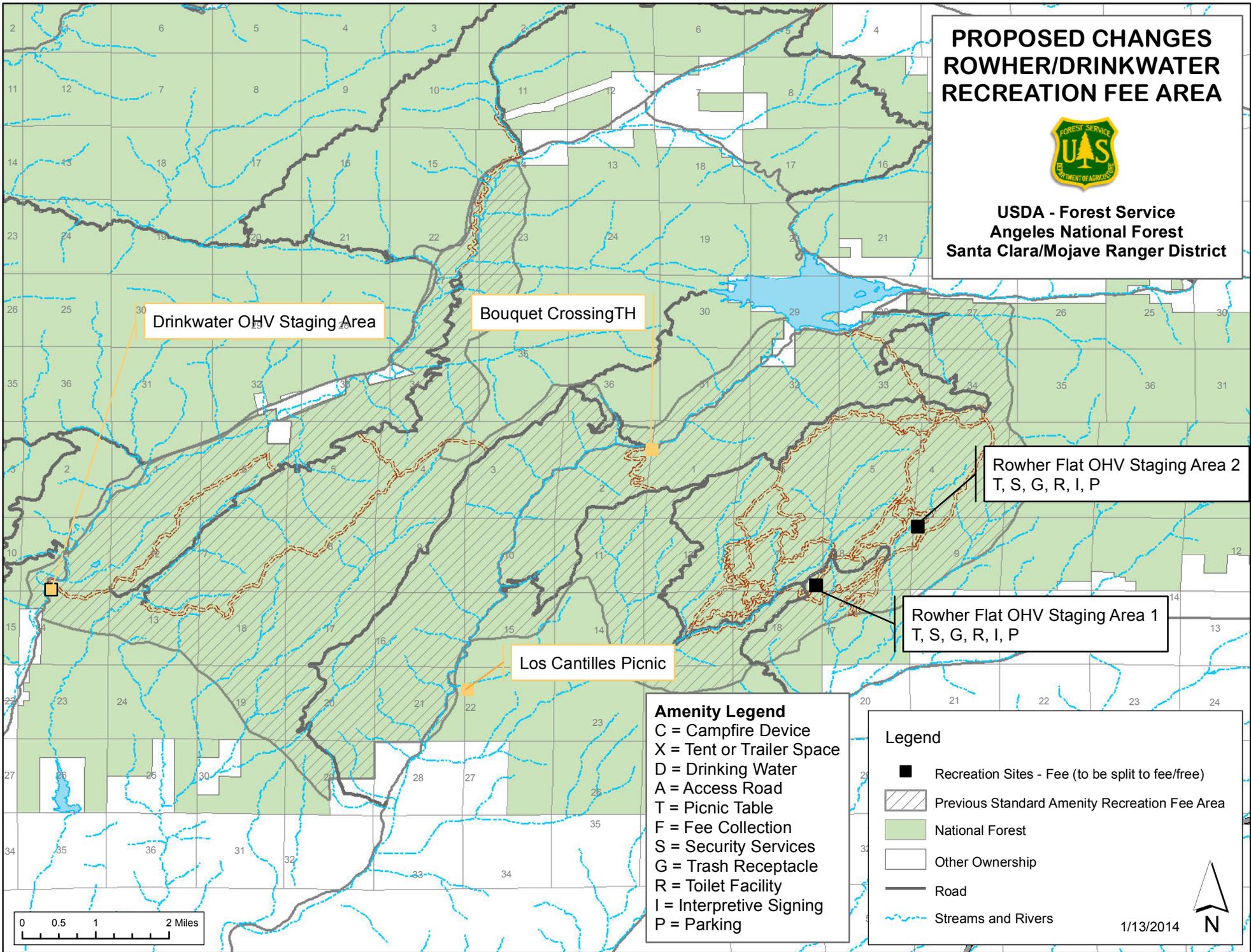
Angeles National Forest – Rowher/Drinkwater Fee Proposal

- Distributed a press release to local media contacts;
- Posted information on the Angeles National Forest and Pacific Southwest Region websites; and
- Contacted local and federally elected officials.

PROPOSED CHANGES ROWHER/DRINKWATER RECREATION FEE AREA



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Santa Clara/Mojave Ranger District



Drinkwater OHV Staging Area

Bouquet Crossing TH

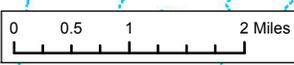
Rowher Flat OHV Staging Area 2
T, S, G, R, I, P

Rowher Flat OHV Staging Area 1
T, S, G, R, I, P

Los Cantillos Picnic

- Amenity Legend**
- C = Campfire Device
 - X = Tent or Trailer Space
 - D = Drinking Water
 - A = Access Road
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Angeles National Forest

Change in Recreation Fee Structure: San Gabriel Canyon 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 Angeles National Forest, the national review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the SAF area designation for six areas (Angeles Crest, Elizabeth Lake, Frenchman's Flat, Front Country, Littlerock, and Rowher-Drinkwater); significantly reduce the size of four SAF areas (Big Pines-Big Rock, Big Tujunga, Mt. Baldy, and San Gabriel Canyon); and change the type of recreation fee charged from SAF to special recreation permit (SRP) fee for three winter recreation locations (Big Pines, Mt. Baldy, and Angeles Crest). Based on direction regarding the implementation of the national review, in June 2012, the Angeles 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 Advisory Committee (R-RAC). This proposal addresses the recreation fee changes for the San Gabriel Canyon.

Description of the Recreation Area

The San Gabriel Canyon standard amenity recreation fee area provides year-round recreational opportunities along nearly 14 miles of the San Gabriel River. The San Gabriel Canyon is the recreation destination for hundreds of thousands of visitors, especially during the warm spring, summer, and fall. Popular activities include picnicking, swimming, hiking, and fishing. The popular San Gabriel Canyon Off-Highway Vehicle Area is located within the area. The San Gabriel Education Center provides interpretation and classroom conservation education to thousands of school-aged children each year.

On a typical summer Sunday afternoon visitation can average 12,000 to 15,000 people. Due to the very heavy visitation, the California Highway Patrol must closely manage the traffic into the Canyon and it is not unusual to see road closures by late morning on weekends and holidays.

Recreation fees have been within the San Gabriel Canyon since 1988, first by the Los Angeles County Park and Recreation Division, then by the Forest Service beginning in 1997 under first the Recreation Fee Demonstration authority, and beginning in December 2004 under the Federal Lands and Recreation Enhancement Act.

San Gabriel Canyon Recreation Fee Proposal

The Angeles National Forest is proposing to:

- Significantly reduce the size of the San Gabriel Canyon SAF fee area (see Table 1 and attached map);
- Retain two expanded amenity fee sites outside of the SAF area (see Table 2);
- Eliminate recreation fees at one site (OHV Overlook); and
- Continue to accept local and national passes at the recreation sites and areas.

Table 1. San Gabriel Canyon SAF Area (Passes Accepted)

Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
Upper Bear Creek Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Upper Bichota Day Use Areas	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Lower Bichota Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
San Gabriel River Day Use Area No. 6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
San Gabriel River Day Use Area No. 4	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
San Gabriel River OHV Staging Area ¹	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Heaton Flat Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
East Fork Day Use Area No. 7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
East Fork Day Use Area No. 6	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Cattle Canyon Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Glendora Mtn. Road Day Use Area	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
East Fork Day Use Area No. 5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
East Fork Day Use Area No. 4	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Oaks Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
East Fork Day Use Area No. 3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
East Fork Day Use Area No. 2	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
East Fork Day Use Area No. 1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Telephone Point	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
OHV Oak Bench	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rincon Shortcut Trailhead	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Cottontail Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Westfork Trailhead	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Westfork Day Use Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
San Gabriel River Day Use Area No. 1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
San Gabriel River Day Use Area No. 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
San Gabriel River Day Use Area No. 3	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
San Gabriel River Day Use Area No. 5	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
San Gabriel River Day Use Area No. 7	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y

Name	Parking	Toilet	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Tables	Security Services
San Gabriel River Day Use Area No. 8	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
San Gabriel River Day Use Area No. 9	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y

¹ Amenities are available to visitors to San Gabriel Canyon SAF Area

Table 2. Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee Sites Outside the San Gabriel Canyon SAF Area

Site Name	Tent or Trailer Space	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Access Roads	Fee Collection by FS	Security Services	Trash Receptacle	Toilet	Campfire Devices
Coldbrook Campground ¹	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Crystal Lake Campground/Day Use Area (Windy Gap TH) ¹	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

¹ No change, campground has a separate expanded amenity recreation fee of \$12/night, Adventure Pass accepted for day use

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 area (Table 1 and enclosed map) or to the recreation fees at recreation sites and areas listed in Table 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). Visitors may also pay recreation fees at EAF sites by through 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 listed in Tables 1 and 2. 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 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;
- Traffic management along roads;
- Graffiti removal;
- Security patrols;
- Facility cleaning, repair and maintenance;
- Repair and replacement of interpretive signing;
- Trail maintenance;
- Hazard tree and limb removal;
- Law enforcement and crowd management; and
- Volunteer program management (supplies, training, scheduling).

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

PROPOSED CHANGES SAN GABRIEL CANYON RECREATION FEE AREA



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San Gabriel River Ranger District

Within this 14.5-mile area
visitors will find 27 restrooms,
75 trash receptacles, 50 picnic tables,
and parking throughout.

- 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

- Legend**
- Recreation Sites - Fee
 - Recreation Sites - Free
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Crystal Basin Campground
Day Use Area
X, D, A, F, C, R, G, S, T

Coldbrook CG
R, G, P, S, T

Upper Bear Creek Trailhead
R, G, P, S, T

San Gabriel River
Day Use Area No. 9
G, P, S

Upper Bichota Day Use
G, P, S, T

Lower Bichota Day Use
R, G, P, S, T

San Gabriel River
Day Use Area No. 7
G, P, S

San Gabriel River
Day Use Area No. 8
G, P, S

San Gabriel River
Day Use Area No. 6
R, G, P, S, T, I

Heaton Flat Trailhead
R, G, P, S, T, I

San Gabriel River
Day Use Area No. 5
G, P, S

San Gabriel River
Day Use Area No. 4
G, P, S

East Fork Day
Use Area No. 7
R, G, P, S, T, I

San Gabriel River
Day Use Area No. 2
R, G, P, S, T, I

San Gabriel River
Day Use Area No. 3
G, P, S

San Gabriel OHV Staging Area
R, G, P, S, T, I

East Fork Day
Use Area No. 6
G, P, S

San Gabriel River
Day Use Area No. 1
R, G, P, S, T, I

West Fork Day Use
R, G, P, S, T, I

Cattle Canyon
Day Use
R, P, G, S, T, I

Glendora Mtn
Road Day Use
G, P, S

West Fork Trailhead
R, G, P, S, T, I

Cottontail Day Use
R, G, P, S, T, I

East Fork Day
Use Area No. 1
R, G, P, S, T, I

East Fork Day
Use Area No. 5
R, G, P, S, T, I

Ricon Shortcut Trailhead
G, P, S

OHV Oak Bench
R, G, P, S, T, I

East Fork Day
Use Area No. 2
G, P, S, T

San Gabriel Education
Center
R, G, P, S, T, I

Telephone Point
R, G, P, S, T, I

East Fork Day
Use Area No. 3
R, G, P, S, T, I

East Fork Day
Use Area No. 4
G, P, S

OHV Overlook

Oaks Picnic Area
R, G, P, S, T, I



T. 4N
T. 3N
T. 2N
T. 1N