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Dear Recreation Residence Permit Holder:

As you already aware the Cabin Fee Act (CFA) was passed in December 2014 and replaced the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 2000 (CUFFA). The Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service (FS) has been working diligently with the National Forest Homeowners (NFH) to implement the Cabin Fee Act (CFA). The CFA establishes a new method for determining special use fees for Recreation Residences by using a tiered fee table; and institutes a transfer fee in the event that a cabin changes ownership.

We have also worked with the NFH to prepare a CFA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) attached with this letter. These FAQ's were designed to answer your general questions about the CFA. Please contact Jose Hernandez at (209) 795-1381 or by email at joselhernandez@fs.fed.us if you have any questions or concerns about the CFA.

As part of the implementation process required by the CFA, the FS sent out interim bills for fiscal year 2015. The interim fee placed a cap on the fee amount of \$5,600. We are now ready to fully implement the new Fee Tier system.

The new Fee Tier table has 11 tiers with a base fee of \$650 to a current cap of \$5,650. The fee amount will change annually to reflect a nominal inflation adjustment each year as required by law. The annual fee amounts and related percentage of cabins assigned to each tier was crafted by the NFH and other cabin organizations. They worked with members of Congress through the oversight of the Congressional Budget Office. The assignment to a specific tier was by a mathematical process.

Some recreation residence permit holders will see a change in their annual fee amount, based on the fee tier assignment. The CFA was not written or enacted by Congress to adjust permit fees by a fixed amount or percentage. The CFA is intended to sustain the recreation residence program in a fair and predictable manner. There will be a change in each successive year billing to reflect a nominal inflation adjustment as required by law.

Attached you will find your Fee Tier assignment and the associated fee amount due. Payment is due within 30 days from the date the bill was issued. Late payment charges begin to accrue 31 days after a bill is issued. Please contact Jose Hernandez at (209) 795-1381 or by email at joselhernandez@fs.fed.us if you have any questions about your bill.

Sincerely,

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