



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Proposed Recreation Fee Sites

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Siuslaw National Forest is proposing to establish a special recreation permit. Proposed recreation fees collected at the proposed special recreation permit sites would be used for operation, maintenance, and improvement of the site and the special recreation use covered by the proposed special recreation permit. An analysis of nearby special recreation uses with similar amenities shows that the proposed recreation fees are reasonable and typical of similar special recreation uses in the area.

DATES: If approved, the proposed recreation fees would be established no earlier than six months following the publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

ADDRESSES: Siuslaw National Forest, Attention: Recreation Fees, 3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trevor Robinson, Recreation Program Manager, (541) 750-7047, trevor.robinson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6803(b)) requires the Forest Service to publish in the *Federal Register* a six-month advance notice before establishment of proposed special recreation permits. In accordance with Forest Service Handbook 2309.13, Chapter 30, the Forest Service will publish the proposed special recreation permit in local newspapers and other local publications for public comment. At least 80 percent of the proposed recreation fees would be spent where they are collected to enhance the visitor experience at the proposed

recreation fee site and in connection with the special recreation use covered by the proposed special recreation permit.

A proposed special recreation permit and special recreation permit fee of \$8 per vehicle per day would be charged for Fisherman's Day Use Site in the Sand Lake Recreation Area during summer holiday weekends, which include Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day weekends.

The Northwest Forest Pass would be honored at the Sand Lake Recreation Area fee sites. The America the Beautiful-the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass would not cover the proposed special recreation permit fee. Fee revenue would be used to enhance recreation opportunities, improve customer service, protect public safety, and address maintenance needs.

Once public involvement is complete, the proposed special recreation permit fee will be presented to the appropriate Recreation Resource Advisory Committee for review and recommendation prior to a final decision and implementation. Reservations for Sand Lake Recreation Area permits could be made online at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777. Reservations would cost \$2.00 per reservation. The \$2.00 reservation fee is a transaction fee charged by the recreation.gov reservation platform and is not a Forest Service recreation fee under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. This transaction fee is retained by the service provider to support the cost of the reservation system.

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