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Comments: RE: Missing Documentation for Central Cascades Fee Proposal

Mr. Cunningham-Parmeter,

Thank you for reaching out to us for more information. In general, we came to this proposal for this fee structure by looking at other limited entry system special recreation permit fees, how people tend to use the area (in terms of day-use and overnight-use), and from what we heard during the public comment periods and open houses during the two-years of analysis on implementing a limited entry system.

If you have specific questions, I think it would be best to contact either Matt Peterson on the Willamette National Forest (541-225-6421) or Lisa Machnik on the Deschutes National Forest (541-383-5568) who are the leads on the proposal and can provide more detailed background information. In addition, we will be holding a public meeting in Bend next Tuesday, November 12, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at our Deschutes National Forest headquarters office, 63095 Deschutes Market Road. There also will be two public meetings hosted by the Willamette National Forest. One will be held in Salem and the other one in Eugene. Here is a link to more information about those two public meetings.

For additional background about our environmental analysis for implementing the limited entry system you can find more information at this link and you can read our decision notice by going to this link. The proposal for implementing a special recreation permit fee is guided by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA). You can read more about the FLREA at this link.

I hope that you will reach out to either Matt or Lisa to get your questions answered. They are both gone today and Monday is Veterans Day, a federal holiday, so Tuesday of next week would be the earliest you will reach them.

Thanks, Jean

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Greetings,

On October 8, 2019, the Forest Service issued a two-page press release entitled, "Forests Seek Input on a Special Recreation Permit Fee."

I am preparing my comments and am trying to exercise my right to participate in this process. In addition to your press release, you have posted a one-page notice on your website entitled "Public Comment on Special Recreation Permit Fee" (which repeats the press release) and a three-page Frequently Asked Questions section (which supplements the press release with some logistical information but does not explain how you reached this recommendation). None of these documents (press release, webpage, or FAQ) explains the process you used for proposing these fees or the basis of your proposed recommendations.

Could you please tell me if there are other supporting documents for this proposal? There is very little information upon which to comment. If there are additional supporting documents, then please post them to your website and extend the public comment deadline so that the public can have a meaningful opportunity to participate in this process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Keith Cunningham-Parmeter