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Comments: USFS needs to institute a \$1 per permit fee to fund rescue operations in the BW to relieve local taxpayers of some of the burden of cost of rescue operations in the BW. Money can be used to reimburse counties based on area, visitor permits or actual rescue services provided each year. Adjust the amount if \$1 is insufficient after a 5 year assessment period.

USFS needs to install bear proof boxes at BW sites to decrease the incidence of bear/human conflict related to food theft. Begin with high use areas with historical incidents of conflict and bears dispatched and over time work towards 100% use at all campsites. Too many novice campers do an inadequate job of keeping food safe and contribute to problems. Campers are required to stay at sites with a fire grate and biffy so adding an additional manmade item to the site will not decrease their wilderness experience.