



## **ASHLEY, UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FORESTS**

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### **FEE PROGRAM BRINGS IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCAL FOREST AREAS**

Forest Service officials are expressing appreciation for the public's support of the recreation fee program in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, American Fork Canyon/Alpine Loop area and Mirror Lake Scenic Byway. Since implementation in 1997, approximately \$250,000 annually has been generated at the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, \$500,000 annually for American Fork Canyon and \$250,000 for Mirror Lake Scenic Byway.

Visitors to the two areas have noticed major improvements implemented with the funds. These improvements have included reconstruction of day-use areas and campgrounds, boating facilities, construction of an equestrian loop in a campground, expansion of parking areas and trailheads, grooming of cross-country and snowmobile trails, increased local law enforcement patrols, trail maintenance, and visitor education programs.

Beginning May 19, 2008, changes will be made to the fee program. Visitors will be able to purchase interchangeable passes for the American Fork/Alpine Loop and Mirror Lake areas. The new cost of the passes will be \$6.00 for a three-day pass, \$12.00 for a seven-day pass, and \$45.00 for an annual pass. The new cost at Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area is \$5.00 per day, \$15.00 for 7 days, \$35.00 for an annual pass. Visitors who use the Alpine Loop (State Road 92) and Mirror Lake highway (State Road 150), and do not use recreation facilities, will not be subject to fees.

The passes may continue to be purchased at all Forest Service offices within the fee areas. Valid existing passes will be honored under the new changes.



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The additional revenue generated by these adjustments will be used to reconstruct picnic areas, repair water systems, rehabilitate trailheads and trails, replace restrooms, construct tent pads, improve winter parking areas, and provide visitor information services.

The program was authorized by Congress under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

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