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## **Lake Davis Recreation Area Day Use Fee**

Starting May 23, 2008, a day use fee will be charged at Honker Cove Boat Ramp, Mallard Cove Boat Ramp, Lightning Tree Boat Ramp and Camp 5 Boat Ramp, located within the Lake Davis Recreation Area of the Plumas National Forest.

“These fees are being implemented to offset the rising costs of operating and maintaining these highly used facilities,” said Bob Varner, Acting Beckwourth District Ranger. Similar fees are being charged at boat ramps in northern California, including Frenchman Lake, Bucks Lake, Shasta Lake, Trinity Lake, Lake Oroville, Black Butte Lake, Englebright Lake, Lake Mendocino, Folsom Lake, Stampede Lake and Pyramid Lake in Nevada.

Lake Davis Recreation Area has been operated and maintained by a private recreation business owner (concessionaire), Thousand Trails Management Services Inc., since 1996. Operating under a permit with the Forest Service, the concessionaire is responsible for all the fees associated with the operation and maintenance of the recreation area as well as providing staff, which includes the campground hosts and area manager.

“We are extremely pleased at the high level of service Thousand Trails provides and feel that their fees, which are comparable to other sites, are reasonable,” commented Varner.

In the past, the operation and maintenance of the boat ramps have been subsidized by overnight camping fees at the Lake Davis campgrounds. However, due to the increased costs to maintain these facilities, such as garbage collection fees, fuel costs and the salaries of hosts to clean and maintain toilet buildings, litter pick up, and dock management, it is necessary for these sites to be self-supporting.

A day use fee will ensure that these popular facilities remain open and are maintained at a high standard. Prices were determined following a survey of similar sites. No fees will be charged at the lesser-developed picnic area

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or fishing access sites around the lake. The operation and maintenance of these sites will continue to be accomplished by the Forest Service.

The fees to be collected will be \$5 per vehicle. Passenger vans will likely be \$1 per person, buses \$15, and motorcycles and bicycles \$1. For those who frequent these facilities, an annual pass for day use will be available for \$30. Senior Pass and Access Pass cardholders will be charged one half of the per vehicle or annual pass price. Visitors that are camping at Lake Davis campgrounds will have access to the boat ramp facilities for free and individuals that purchase an annual pass will have access to both Lake Davis and Frenchman Lakes. Self-service fee stations will be available when no attendant is on duty. For additional information, contact Judy Schaber, Assistant Resource Officer at (530) 836-2575.

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**Key points:**

- 1) Day Use Fees at Boat Ramps, at Lake Davis Recreation Area of the Plumas National Forest, will go into effect May 23, 2008.**
- 2) For additional information, contact Judy Schaber, Beckwourth Ranger District, (530) 836-2575.**