

# Stanislaus National Forest Stanislaus National Forest Cabin Color Approval Process

## Goal

Your cabin is a guest in the forest. When choosing a new color for your cabin, you should aim for a color selection that will make your cabin blend in with its natural surroundings.

## Guidelines

This hand-out provides you with the guidance needed to re-paint your cabin. When selecting a color scheme for your cabin, the following principles apply:

- Use colors that complement the surroundings—forest, granite, meadows, or earth.
- Select shades for walls that are slightly darker than the surrounding color.
- Trim color should be subtle and blend with wall color. Light trim is not advisable. [insert photo example]
- Stay with grayed or neutral colors. Avoid primary and light colors as they are too bright and too strong for the forest environment.
- Don't forget your roof, deck and deck rail! All three should also work with the cabin and trim color.
- Propane tanks. Please talk with you supplier to check on painting. Some dealers do not advise dark colors as they take the sunrays more readily and can heat your propane tank.
- We strongly suggest you purchase a quart of the paint color and test it on your cabin. Colors work differently in different lights. What works on one lot may not work on yours.
- Before leaving the paint store, it is a very good idea to test your paint to make sure the color you ordered is the paint in the can!

## Options

### **OPTION 1** Pre-approved colors

Each Ranger Station has a book of pre-approved colors for cabins. They are arranged with cabin location in mind (granite/earth, forest/meadow). The colors go well with the natural surroundings. Just keep in mind that your cabin may be located in a place unlike the example. Make sure the color you have chosen goes well with your cabin placement in the forest.

We have provided a number of color samples from two manufactures. (See the list of colors below.) We used Benjamin Moore and Kelly Moore because they were able to send us large color samples. (Please note: **This does not mean the Forest Service is recommending one paint manufacturer or company over another—the choice is yours.**) Color names and numbers are provided. Unfortunately, we are unable to loan the book out, but you are welcome to copy the name and number of the colors you like and pick up a color card at the appropriate paint store. You may then have it matched with any paint company you choose.

- Choose your body and trim color from the pre-approved color choices.
- Fill out a request form provided with this hand-out.
- Submit the request form to the Special Uses Administrator.
- Forest Service written approval will be given as soon as possible.

#### **OPTION 2** Choosing your own colors

If you wish to pick your own color, we hope the following guidelines will help you with the selection. Please remember that color for an urban setting may not work in the forest.

- Please refer to the guidelines section of this document.
- A color used in a different location in your neighborhood may not be the best color for your lot. Here is a suggestion: Get a quart sample of the paint and apply it generously (at least 3x3 or larger) and look at in all lights, this includes morning, afternoon and evening. Color does change with the light – some “sour” in the late afternoon.
- When looking at the new color sample, close one eye. Place your hands near your open eye to block out the old color. Get a site line that helps you see the new color in relationship to the cabin surroundings – tree bark, fern grove, granite hill, etc. Move across the street or step back far enough to envision the color on the entire cabin. Use same hand/eye technique to get a better sense of the new color from a distance.

Once you have made you decision, please fill out the attached form and submit your colors to Special Uses Administrator with a sample of the trim and the body paints. Site approval will be necessary. Please allow time for possible consultation before approval is granted.

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List of Pre-approved Colors**

**Window Frames**

Derby Brown (Ace #F55)  
Bravado (Kelly-Moore #160)

**Granite/Earth (Body/Trim)**

Crownsville Gray (Benjamin Moore #HC-106)  
Copley Gray (Benjamin Moore #HC-104)  
Cromwell Gray (Benjamin Moore #HC-103)  
Chelsea Gray (Benjamin Moore #HC-168)  
Tate Olive (Benjamin Moore #HC-112)  
Avon Green (Benjamin Moore #HC-126)  
Fairview Taupe (Benjamin Moore #HC-85)  
Gloucester Sage (Benjamin Moore #HC-100)

**Granite/Earth (Trim Only)**

Gettysburg Gray (Benjamin Moore #HC-107)  
Sage Mountain (Benjamin Moore #1488)

**Forest/Meadow (Body/Trim)**

Branchport Brown (Benjamin Moore #HC-72)  
Dakota Shadow (Benjamin Moore #448)  
Forest Floor (Benjamin Moore #1498)  
Rolling Hills (Benjamin Moore #1497)  
Dash of Pepper (Benjamin Moore #1554)  
Holiday Wreath (Benjamin Moore #447)  
Whitall Brown (Benjamin Moore #HC-69)  
Raisin (Benjamin Moore #1237)  
Clinton Brown (Benjamin Moore #HC-67)  
Van Buren Brown (Benjamin Moore #HC-70)  
Middlebury Brown (Benjamin Moore #HC-68)  
Hasbrouck Brown (Benjamin Moore #HC-71)  
Kingsport Gray (Benjamin Moore #HC-86)  
Spinach Dipped (Kelly-Moore #KM3872-5)  
Irish Moss (Kelly-Moore #KM3888-5)  
Rare Earth (Kelly-Moore #AC249-5)  
Raw Earth (Kelly-Moore #KM4192-5)  
Rocky Mountain (Kelly-Moore #AC252-5)  
Vermeer's Fields (Kelly-Moore #AC251-5)

# Application for Painting Recreation Residences and Related Structures and Improvements

## Contact Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LOT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TRACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PINECREST ADDRESS (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

## Color Selection

If a not pre-approved color, please attach to sample board of your colors.

## Walls

MANUFACTURE \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR NAME AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-approved color yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

## Trim

MANUFACTURE \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR NAME AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-approved color yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Submitted/Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Use Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: A copy of this application/approval will be given to you and a copy will be filed in your Forest Service Recreation Residence file.