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## Forest Phases In Recreation Site Fee Updates

Visitors to the Umatilla National Forest can expect to see a slight increase in recreation fees at 13 campgrounds as the first phase of the forest's updated fee structure is implemented on August 15, 2008, announced Larry Randall, Recreation Staff Officer. The new fee structure will help offset the costs of improving and maintaining campgrounds, trailheads, rental cabins, and other recreation sites. "Recreation use on the forest has been on the rise, yet our facilities are aging," said Randall.

Campgrounds fees, currently ranging from \$5 - \$10 per night per site, will increase to \$8 - \$12 per night per site. Ninety-five percent of the funds collected at recreation fee sites remain on the Umatilla National Forest to help fund much needed improvements. "For example, we're investing over \$100,000 renovating facilities at Olive Lake campground this summer. Visitors will be able to enjoy new toilets, picnic tables, grills and an accessible boat dock. Other significant improvements are being made at Bull Prairie and Jubilee Lake campgrounds." said Randall.

Changes in cabin rental fees will also take place later this fall as the next phase of the updated fee structure is implemented. Overnight fees at 11 cabin rentals will also see an increase and two new cabin rentals will be added to the program. The third phase of implementation is scheduled for the 2009 recreation season when additional campgrounds and trailheads are added to the fee program.

"The updated fee structure is one of several outcomes from the Recreation Facility Analysis (RFA) process we completed earlier this year where we evaluated the future management of 116 developed recreation sites, including campgrounds, trailheads, and cabin rentals," said Randall. Through the RFA process, and with public input, the forest developed a "program of work" outlining the future management of these sites over the next five years. This fee proposal was reviewed by the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee and was included as part of their recommendation to the Regional Forester. "Our goal is to create a recreation program that meets the needs and expectations of our visitors, said Randall.

More information on the updated fee structure and recreation sites can be obtained at any of the Umatilla National Forest District Offices or on the Forest web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/>

**New Campground Fees beginning August 15, 2008**

**\$8.00 per night  
per single site**

Bear Wallow  
Frazier  
Lane Creek  
Mottet  
North Fork John Day  
Tollbridge  
Tucannon  
Welch Creek  
Woodland

**\$10.00 per night  
per single site**

Umatilla Forks

**\$12.00 per night  
per single site**

Olive Lake  
Target Meadows  
Woodward

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