



CIBOLA
NATIONAL
FOREST &
GRASSLANDS



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PICNICKING



NATURE STUDY



GATHERING FOREST PRODUCTS



VISITING HISTORIC SITES

Introduction

- **4** “mountain” Ranger Districts: Sandia, Mountainair, Magdalena, and Mt. Taylor.
 - 1.6 million acres in New Mexico
- **2** National Grasslands Units: Black Kettle and Kiowa Rita Blanca
 - 263,261 acres in northeastern New Mexico, western Oklahoma, and northern Texas.
- **1.8** million visitors a year
- **174** developed rec sites
- **733** miles of trails
- **4** wilderness areas



MAINTENANCE HOURS



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ROLLS OF TOILET PAPER
RESTOCKED



65

BAGS OF TRASH
REMOVED



26

Recreation staff members also scrub toilets, sweep out bathrooms, and pick up litter!

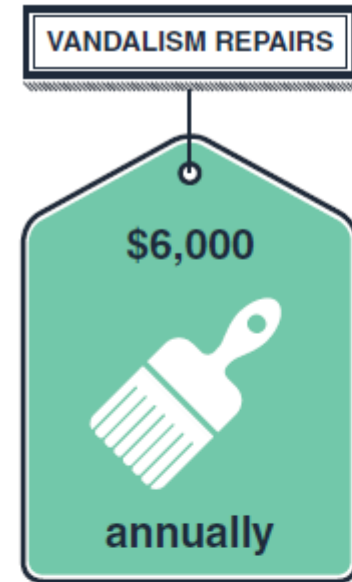
Why are fees charged?

- Authorized in the Federal Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (REA)
- Only charged at developed sites with appropriate development
- Provide valuable source of funding to help maintain high quality recreation sites and opportunities
- Critical to effectively address maintenance and operations needs at campgrounds and developed day use areas.
- Forest uses a variety of funding sources in concert with the REA fee program including appropriated funds, partnerships, and volunteers.
- Fee revenue allows us to directly reinvest in the sites and complete additional projects that we would otherwise be unable to fund.



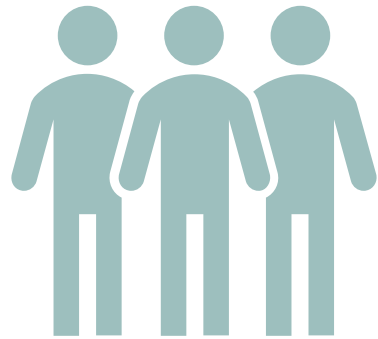
Where do developed recreation fees go?

- Reinvested in the site for the visitor
- Operations and maintenance
- Used on projects that improve the visitor experience, such as:
 - restroom upgrades,
 - trail repairs and improvements,
 - campground improvements,
 - historic structure enhancements,
 - education and visitor interpretation programs,
 - on-site accessibility improvements,
 - trash & graffiti removal,
 - Forest Service presence,
 - vandalism repairs and
 - hazard tree removal.

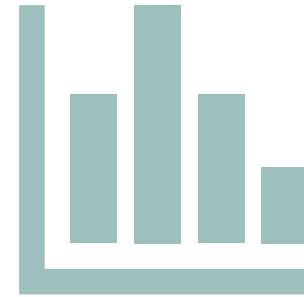


*Cibola National Forest spends approximately \$400 per toilet annually

How are developed recreation fees set?



Public Involvement



Market Analysis



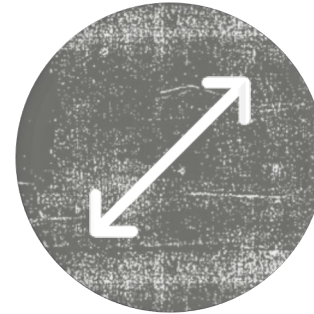
Why change fees?



**COST OF MANAGING
RECREATION SITES HAS
INCREASED**



**STEADY DECLINE IN OUR
BUDGET**



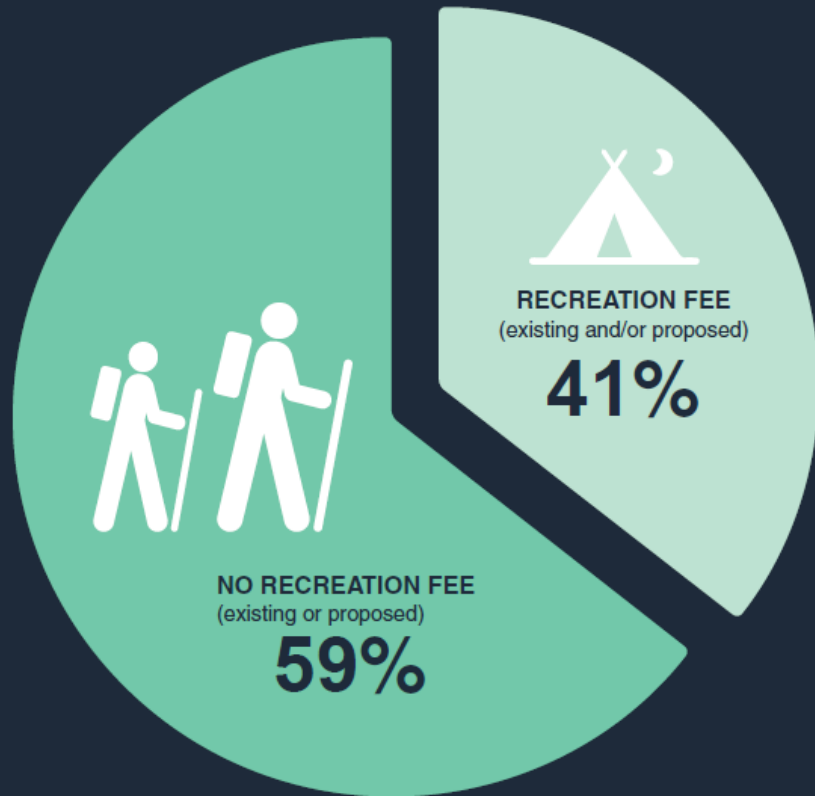
**VISITATION CONTINUES TO
INCREASE, WHICH REQUIRES
ADDED MAINTENANCE**



**TO EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE
HIGH-QUALITY OUTDOOR
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**



Not all developed recreation sites will require fees.



Cibola National Forest is proposing fees on 65 developed recreation sites out of 174.

Fee vs Free

- If these changes are implemented, 59% of the developed recreation sites on the Forest will not charge a fee.
- Some recreation sites offer limited amenities and visitors services and are free of charge.
- Other sites charge developed recreation fees; in exchange, these recreation sites offer increased visitor services and amenities such as restroom facilities, trash collection, visitor security and interpretive services.





66 proposed
fee changes

9 on Mt.
Taylor

4 on
Magdalena

8 on
Mountainair

29 on
Sandia

13 on Black
Kettle

2 on Kiowa
Rita Blanca

Summary of Changes



Site Summary by District

Mt. Taylor Ranger District

Site Name	Site Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
McGaffey Lake	Day Use	\$0	\$5
McGaffey Oso/Page	Campground	\$10-15	\$10
Quaking Aspen	Campground	\$5	\$10
Ojo Redondo	Campground	\$0	\$10
Coal Mine	Campground	\$0	\$10
Lobo Canyon	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Hilso	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Milk Ranch	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Quartz Hill	Day Use	\$0	\$5

Magdalena Ranger District

Site Name	Site Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Water Canyon	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Water Canyon	Group Picnic	\$0 (35 people)	\$35 (35 people)
Water Canyon	Campground	\$0	\$10
Water Canyon	Group Campground	\$0 (75 people)	\$50 (75 people)

Mountainair Ranger District

Site Name	Site Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Albuquerque	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Capilla Peak	Campground	\$5	\$10
Capilla Peak	Group Picnic Site	\$0 (50 people)	\$45 (50 people)
Fourth of July	Campground	\$7	\$10
Fourth of July	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Red Canyon	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Red Canyon	Campground and Equestrian Campground	\$7	\$10 for campground \$12 for equestrian campground
Red Canyon	Group Picnic Site	\$0 (30 people)	\$15 (30 people)

Kiowa Rita Blanca Ranger District

Site Name	Site Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Mills Canyon	Campground	\$0	\$10
Mills Canyon Rim	Campground	\$0	\$12



Site Summary by District

Black Kettle and McClellan Ranger Districts

Site Name	Site Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Lake McClellan Recreation Complex	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Lake McClellan Recreation Complex	Campground	\$10 Single Site \$15 Site with hookups	\$15 Single Site \$20 Site with hookups
Lake Marvin	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Lake Marvin	Campground	\$0 Single Site \$0 Site with hookups	\$10 \$15
McClellan Large	Group Picnic Site	\$30 (50 people) \$3 per vehicle	\$50 (50 people) \$0
Black Kettle Recreation Complex	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Black Kettle	Campground	\$0	\$10
Skipout	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Skipout	Campground	\$0	\$10
Spring Creek	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Spring Creek	Campground	\$0	\$10
Spring Creek Eastside	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Spring Creek Eastside	Campground	\$0	\$10

Sandia Ranger District

Site Name	Site Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
10K	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Balsam Glade	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Balsam Glade Reservation Site	Group Picnic Site	\$40-60 (30 people)	\$65 (30 people)
Capulin Springs Snowplay Area	Snowplay Area – Special Recreation Permit	\$3	\$10
Capulin Springs	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Cedro Peak	Group Campground	\$60-100 (100 people) \$60-150 (150 people)	\$125 (100 people) \$175 (150 people)
Cienega Canyon	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Cienega Equestrian	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Cienega	Group Picnic Site	\$40-60 (30 people)	\$65 (30 people)
Coyote	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Sandia Crest Recreation Complex	Observation Site	\$3	\$5
Doc Long	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Doc Long	Group Picnic Site	\$40-60 (50 people)	\$75 (50 people)
Ellis	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Juan Tabo	Day Use	\$3	\$5
La Cueva	Day Use	\$3	\$5
La Luz	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Las Huertas	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Las Huertas	Group Picnic Site	\$40-60 (30 people)	\$65 (30 people)
Locust Area	Group Picnic Site	\$65-100 (125 people)	\$125 (125 people)
Nine Mile	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Oak Area	Group Picnic Site	\$110-450 (400 people)	\$275 (400 people)
Piedra Lisa North	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Pine Flat	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Pine Flat	Group Picnic Site	\$30-40 (50 people)	\$65 (50 people)
Sulphur Canyon	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Tunnel Springs	Day Use	\$0	\$5
Tree Spring	Day Use	\$3	\$5
Yucca Area	Group Picnic Site	\$45-65 (100-150 people)	\$75 (100-150 people)





What are the Enchantment Pass and the Black Kettle Pass?

- Convenient payment option for unlimited use, during the season of operation, of most developed day use fee sites throughout the Forests in New Mexico
 - A proposed fee of \$40 for an annual pass and \$5 for a daily pass
- The Black Kettle Ranger District is proposing a \$30 day use annual pass for most day use sites in Oklahoma and Texas.



Where can I learn more?

Specific developed recreation fee changes are viewable at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola>.



Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act

Public Participation Tool

How to Effectively
Comment Using the
Interactive Map

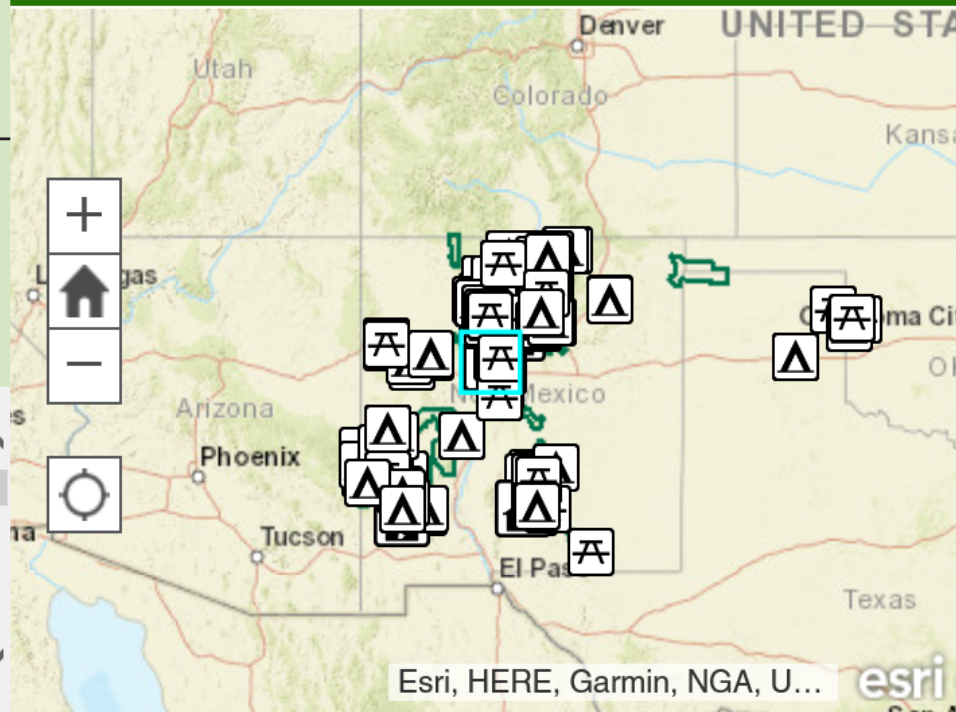
Please Share Your
Feedback Using the
Interactive Map

How to Use the Interactive
Map:

- Click on the Home button to view all the developed recreation



Developed Recreation Sites Under Consideration for Recre...



General Comment Cibola National...

General Comment Cibola National Forest

Site Type	National Forest
Site Name	General Comment Cibola
District	
Forest Name	Cibola National Forest
Proposed Action	Leave a general comment for all sites in the Cibola National Forest
Amenities	
Fees	

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How can I get involved & comment?

Public Meetings:
throughout New Mexico in 2020

Comment Cards:
Available for submittal at local
Forest Service office

Mailed Comments:
Attention: **Jeremy Golston**;
Forest Service Southwestern Regional
Office,
333 Broadway SE,
Albuquerque, NM 87102

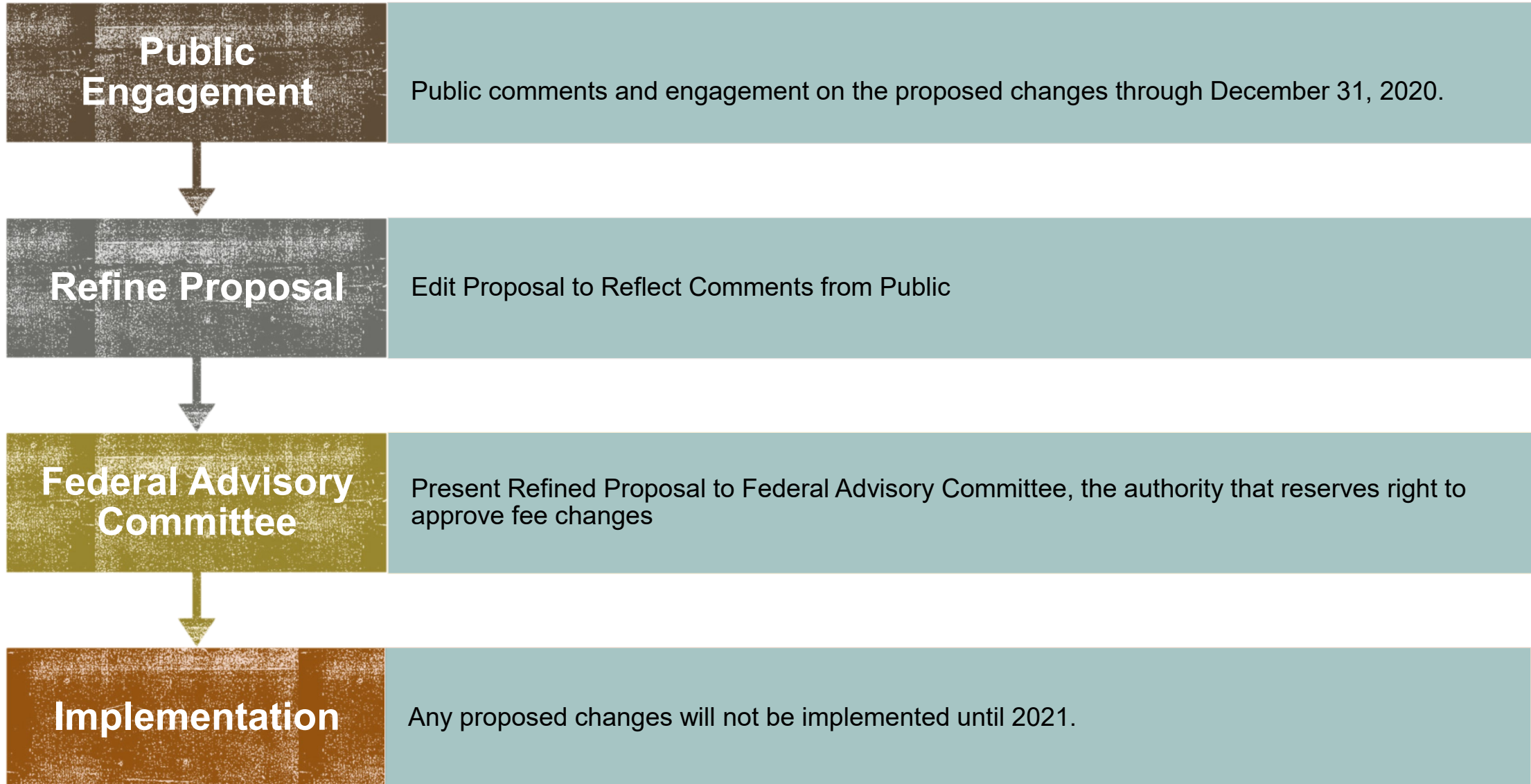
Phone Comments:
Jeremy Golston, Regional Recreation
Fee Program Manager: **505-842-3235**
Jessica Dunn, Cibola National Forest &
National Grasslands Recreation Program
Manager: **505-346-3851**

Email Comments:
SM.FS.R3FeeProComm@usda.gov

**Interactive mapping tool
public comment site:**
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/SusRec>



Next Steps







Developed Recreation Fee Proposal Frequently Asked Questions Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands

Overview

The Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands is looking for public input on proposed changes to the management of the developed recreation program. These changes will impact campgrounds and day-use sites on the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands as well as the Carson, Gila, Lincoln, and Santa Fe National Forests. Several different management options are being considered, including adding new developed recreation fees and increasing developed recreation fees at developed recreation sites which already charge a fee.

Where do developed recreation fees go?

- Local fee retention – Since 2004 local Forest Units have the authority to retain 95% of the revenue generated at developed recreation sites where a fee is charged. This source of funds is critical to effectively address maintenance and operations needs at campgrounds and developed day use areas.
- Developed recreation fee revenue has been used on projects that improve the visitor experience, such as: restroom upgrades, trail repairs and improvements, campground improvements, historic structure enhancements, education and visitor interpretation programs, on-site accessibility improvements, trash & graffiti removal, Forest Service presence, vandalism repairs and hazard tree removal.

How are developed recreation fees set?

- The public has a say - the Forest Service engages in an intensive public involvement process for every fee change including new fees, fee increases, decreases, and fee eliminations. This public involvement process includes a Federal Advisory Committee review.
- A 'pricing tool' is used to help units determine the correct price range for facilities such as campgrounds and day use sites. This tool shows an appropriate fee range to include in a fee proposal and an analysis of other public and private developed recreation site providers.

Why change developed recreation fees at developed recreation sites?

- For years, the cost of managing our recreation sites has increased, yet there has been a steady decline in our budget. Our visitation continues to increase, which requires added maintenance.
- To effectively provide high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities. The Forest Service uses an analysis process to focus on providing and improving recreation facilities and services that the public wants. This process involves the public in looking at options for sustaining recreation facilities and ensures funds are spent wisely.





Developed Recreation Fee vs. Non-Fee Recreation Sites

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Where can I learn about the specific changes being proposed for each Forest?

- Specific developed recreation fee changes are viewable at:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola>.

What is the timeline?

- We welcome public comments on the proposed changes through December 31, 2020.
- Any proposed changes will not be implemented until 2021.

How can I get involved and comment about the proposed developed recreation fee changes?

- A series of public meetings will be held throughout New Mexico to discuss the proposed developed recreation fee changes.
- The public meetings will be in Taos, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, and Albuquerque; the locations, dates, and times will be announced at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola>.
- Public comments will be accepted in the following ways:
 - Comment cards will be available and can be submitted at your local Forest Service office.
 - Written comments can be mailed to the Forest Service Southwestern Regional Office, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, Attention: Jeremy Golston
 - You can relay comments by phone to:
 - Jeremy Golston, Regional Recreation Fee Program Manager, at 505-842-3235, or
 - Jessica Dunn, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands Recreation Program Manager, at 505-346-3851
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