



CIBOLA
NATIONAL
FOREST &
GRASSLANDS



HIKING / WALKING



BICYCLING



CAMPING



HUNTING



HORSEBACK RIDING



ROCK CLIMBING



FISHING



WATER ACTIVITIES



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 recreation sites
- **733** miles of recreational trails
- **4** Federally designated Wilderness areas



MAINTENANCE HOURS



8

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 Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (FLREA). 95% of recreation fee revenue is reinvested at recreation sites where fees are charged to the visitor.
- Only charged at developed sites with higher level of amenities and visitor services.
- 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.
- Cibola NF program managers use a variety of resources to operate and maintain developed recreation sites in concert with the REA fee program, including: appropriated funds, partnerships contributions, and volunteer labor.
- Fee revenue allows us to directly reinvest into the recreation site deferred maintenance and complete additional modernization projects.



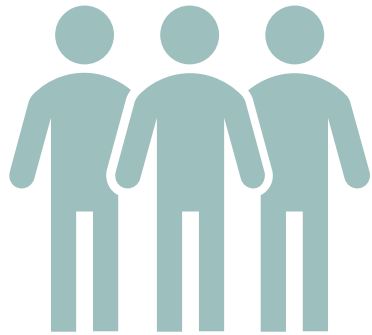
Where do developed recreation fees go?

- Reinvested in the site for visitor convenience, education, safety, and enjoyment.
- Annual developed recreation site operations and maintenance.
- Used on materials, personnel salary or contracts, for 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.

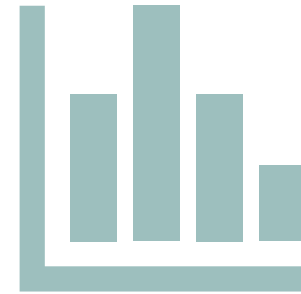


*Cibola National Forest spends approximately \$400 per toilet annually

How are developed recreation fees set?



Public Involvement



Market Analysis



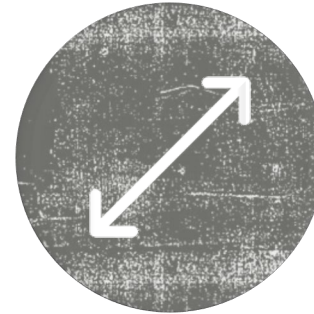
Why change fees?



**COST OF MANAGING
RECREATION SITES HAS
INCREASED**



**STEADY DECLINE IN FUNDING
DEDICATED TO RECREATION
MANAGEMENT**



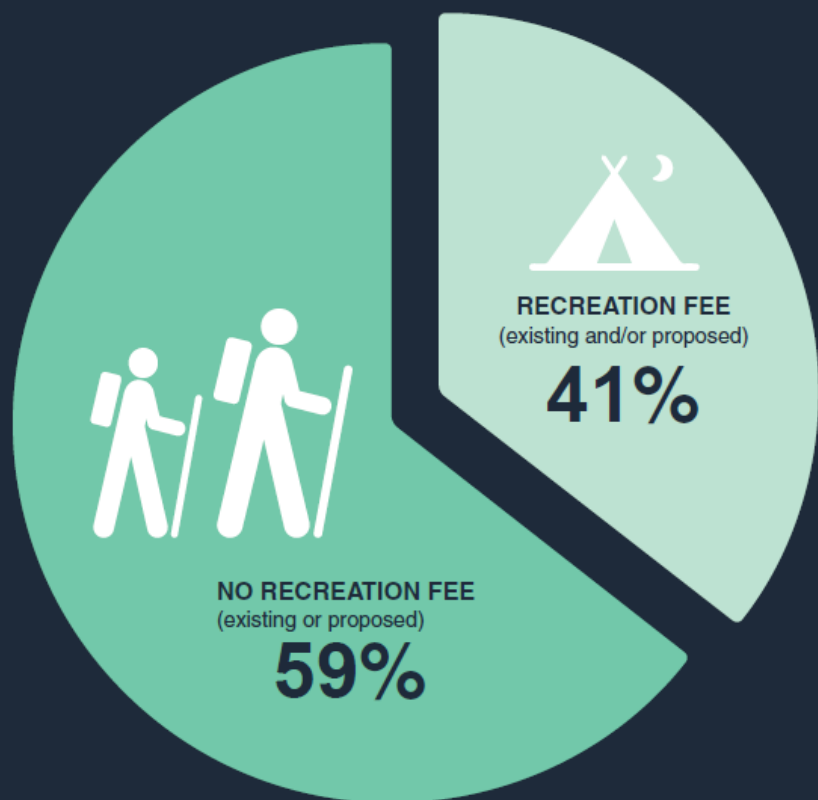
**VISITATION CONTINUES TO
INCREASE - WHICH REQUIRES
ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE**



**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 all the proposed fee 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.





65 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 Snow play Area	Snow play 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 (proposed and existing) 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>.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands website. At the top, there is a banner with a mountain landscape and a cougar's head. The USDA Forest Service logo is on the left, and the title 'Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands' is on the right. Below the banner is a navigation bar with links: 'Forest Service Home', 'About the Agency', 'Contact the National Office', and 'Inside the FS'. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with 'Site Map' and 'Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands' sections. The main content area features a large landscape photo, a 'Fire Danger TODAY' section showing 'MODERATE' danger, and a 'Quick Links' section with items like 'Forest Orders, Alerts & Notices', 'Comment on the Recreation Fee Proposal', and 'Reserve a Picnic Area or Campground'.

The screenshot shows the 'Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act' Public Participation Tool. It features a map of the United States with markers for developed recreation sites. A sidebar on the right displays details for a 'General Comment Cibola National Forest' site, including its type, name, district, forest name, proposed action, and amenities. A large arrow points from the 'Comment on the Recreation Fee Proposal' link in the sidebar to the 'General Comment Cibola National Forest' site details.

Click Here



How can I get involved & comment?

Public Meetings:

Planning Virtual Engagements in 2021

Comment Cards:

Available for submittal at local Forest Service offices

USPS Comments:

Attention: Fee Program Manager;
Forest Service Southwestern Regional Office,
333 Broadway SE,
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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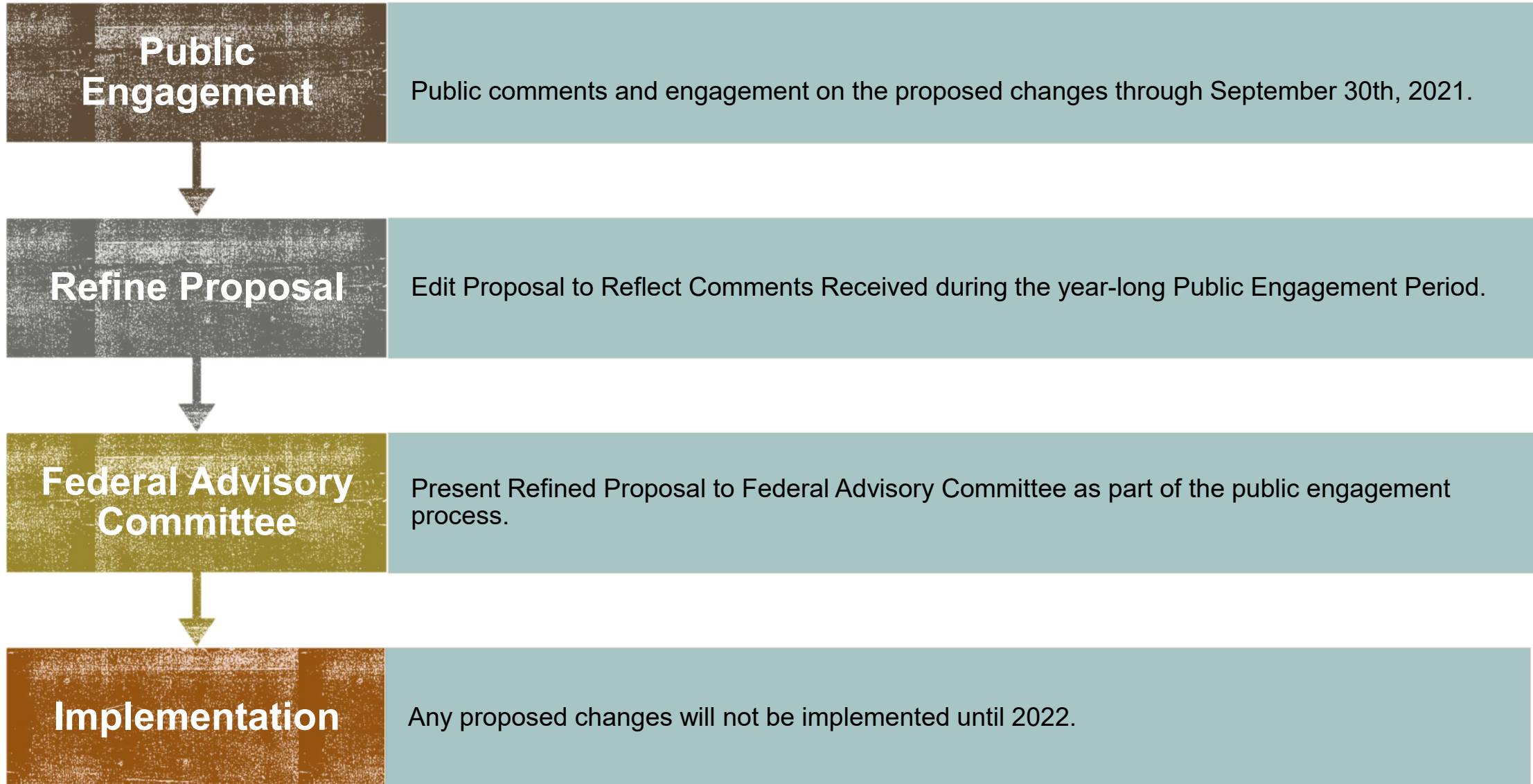
Interactive mapping tool

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Next Steps





QUESTIONS?



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