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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Proposed New Recreation Fee; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, (Title VIII, Pub. L. 108-447)

AGENCY: Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of proposed new recreation fee.

SUMMARY: The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, located in Hood River, Oregon, is proposing to charge a new standard amenity fee of \$5 per vehicle per day for use of services and facilities at the Sandy River Delta site. The 1,400-acre Sandy River Delta site, acquired by the Forest Service in 1991, offers five diverse-use trails (5.25 miles total) including a 1.2-mile accessible gravel trail to the Sandy River Delta confluence and bird blind. The Forest Service provides vault toilets, trash service, picnic tables, parking for vehicles (and vehicles with horse trailers), interpretive signage, and regular patrols of the area. The proposed fee would help cover the costs of operations and maintenance of the vault toilets, trash service, septic pumping, ranger patrols, and hazard tree abatement as well as future improvements and replacement of facilities. This fee is only proposed and will be determined upon further analysis and public comment.

DATES: Send any comments about these fee proposals by August 21, 2017 so they can be compiled, analyzed and shared with the Mt Hood-Willamette Resource Advisory Committee. If approved, the new recreation use fee will go into effect no sooner than December 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Area Manager, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, 902 Wasco Ave., Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lorelei Haukness, Recreation Fee Coordinator, 541-308-1700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. This new fee will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation. Additional information about this fee proposal is provided on the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Web site at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/crgnsa/>.

Dated: June 14, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sierra National Forest; California; Try Me Placer Mining Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service (USFS), Sierra National Forest, proposes to approve the Notice of Intent (NOI) and Plan of Operations (PoO) submitted by the Torosians to mine gold bearing alluvial gravels along an unnamed perennial stream channel, tributary to West Fork Chiquito Creek.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by July 24, 2017. The draft environmental impact statement is expected August 2018 and the final environmental impact statement is expected October 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611. Comments may also be sent via email to comments-pacificsouthwest-sierra@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 559-294-4809. A public meeting is planned for late summer or early fall 2017 at the Bass Lake Ranger District office. If you are interested in being notified when this meeting is scheduled, please

contact Alan Gallegos whose contact information is listed below.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Gallegos, 559-297-0706 extension 4862 or ajgallegos@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project is located in Madera County, CA in T. 6 S.; R. 23E, 24E, Sections 13, 18, 19. Dave and Steve Torosian have one lode claim (Try Me 1) and three placer claims (Try Me 2, 3, & 5) along an unnamed perennial stream channel tributary to West Fork Chiquito Creek, above Soda Springs. Dave and Steve Torosian have submitted a proposal to mine gold bearing alluvial gravels primarily in their Try Me 2 claim. The Try Me 2 Claim is located along approximately 1,350 feet of perennial stream channel. The Sierra National Forest received a Notice of Intent (NOI) from Dave and Steve Torosian to mine gravels along an un-named perennial stream channel, tributary to West Fork Chiquito Creek. Upon review of the NOI, it was determined that the proposal would likely result in significant impacts to the stream channel and associated surface resources and a Plan of Operation (PoO) with details of their proposal was requested. The role of the USFS regarding mining activities on National Forest system lands is to ensure that mining activities minimize adverse environmental effects to surface resources, and comply with all applicable environmental laws. Congress has not given the USFS authority to unreasonably circumscribe