ACTION: Notice of proposed new fee sites.

SUMMARY: The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests are proposing to charge new fees at Pocket Recreation Picnic Area on the Conasauga Ranger District and Raven Cliffs Trailhead on the Chattooga River Ranger District. Both sites are proposed at $5.00 for a day and both would accept the suite of America the Beautiful—National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands passes.

DATES: Send any comments about these fee proposals by August 6, 2018. Comments will be compiled, analyzed and shared with a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee. If approved by the Southern Region Regional Forester, new fees would begin in 2019.


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. Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation.

Both sites are in good condition and offer picnic tables, parking facilities, vault toilet and trail and river access. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. Funds from fees would be used to help improve, operate and maintain these sites, which includes addressing sanitation and safety concerns, improving deteriorated facilities and providing amenities that enhance the recreation experience.

Glenn Casamassa,
Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

Notice of Proposed New Fee Sites; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of proposed new fee sites.

SUMMARY: The National Forests in North Carolina are proposing to charge new fees at six recreation sites. All sites have recently been reconstructed or amenities are being added to improve services and experiences. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. Funds from fees would be used for the continued operation and maintenance of these recreation sites.

DATES: Send any comments about these fee proposals by August 6, 2018 so comments can be compiled, analyzed and shared with a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee. New fees would begin after April 1, 2018.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Logan Free, Recreation Fee Coordinator, 828–257–4256, NFSNCfeeproposals@fs.fed.us. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the National Forests in North Carolina website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/nfsnc/2017recfee proposes.

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. Sites that are proposed for new fees include: Dry Falls proposed at $3 per vehicle or $15 annual pass (useable at Whiteside Mountain and Whitewater Falls), Ataham Shooting Range proposed at $5 per person or $30 annual pass (useable at all Nantahala National Forest shooting ranges), Cheoah Point Beach day use area proposed at $5 per vehicle or $30 annual pass, Wine Springs Horse Camp proposed at $10 per site, and McCall Cabin proposed at $200 per week on the Nantahala National Forest; Wolf Ford Horse Camp proposed at $10 per site on the Pisgah National Forest. Proposed fees at these recreation sites will be invested in site improvements that address sanitation and visitor safety, improve visitor comfort and convenience, reduce deferred maintenance, and improve the overall recreation experiences of the public. These new fees are part of a larger fee proposal available for review at https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc/2017recfee proposes.

Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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New Fee Proposed for Blacksburg Shooting Range; Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: New fee proposed for Blacksburg Shooting Range.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service invites the public to share their input on a proposed fee to access the Blacksburg Shooting Range on the Eastern Divide Ranger District. The George Washington and Jefferson National Forest is proposing a $10 daily fee or $75 annual fee for access to this public shooting range. A special recreation permit fee for the Blacksburg Shooting Range would be an investment in its future, providing a sustainable source of revenue to help ensure its availability to the American public. The public is invited to comment on this proposal. Comments received on these proposals, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and available for public inspection.

DATES: Send any comments about these fee proposals by August 6, 2018 so comments can be compiled, analyzed and shared with a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee. New fees would begin as early as spring 2018.


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