

Recommendations from the Fees Advisory Committee

A stakeholder Advisory Committee was convened to discuss recreation fees on State Forest Lands on November 20th in Salem. The group had the following membership:

- Joe Barrell – Trailsmen Motorcycle Club
- Barrett Brown –
- Paul Donheffner – Oregon Hunter’s Association
- Chuck Fondse – Northwest Trail Alliance
- Carolyn McCormick – WA County Visitor’s Association
- Wayne Nailon – Northwest Trail Alliance
- Wayne Salisbury – Oregon Equestrian Trails
- Delbert Schleichert – Tillamook County Parks
- Christopher Smith – Northwest State Forest Coalition

Forestry Staff were also present to answer questions and provide feedback in an *ex officio* capacity:

- Stephanie Beall – Forest Grove District Recreation
- Justin Butteris – State Forests Policy Analyst
- Jennifer Magby – Tillamook District Recreation
- Macy Yates – Tillamook District Recreation

The Committee was asked to provide recommendations to the Board of Forestry on the topic of recreation fees pertaining to the Division 25 rulemaking. The committee made the following formal recommendations to the Board of Forestry:

1. Amount of Fees.
 - a. Accept the proposed levels (Appendix A) as amended (\$5 for extra vehicle)
 - b. all members voted in favor
2. Recommend the Department explore the possibility of rededicating 100% of fees collected from recreation back into the recreation program (i.e. recreation fees are not shared with the Counties).
 - a. In favor - Joe Barrell, Barrett Brown, Paul Donheffner, Chuck Fondse, Wayne Nailon, Wayne Salisbury, Delbert Schleichert, Chris Smith.
 - b. Opposed - Carolyn McCormick.
3. Recommend the Department explore re-designation of designated dispersed sites to designated camping areas and charge a fee. Department staff should be provided the flexibility to upgrade or downgrade individual sites as appropriate.
 - a. In favor - Joe Barrell, Barrett Brown, Chuck Fondse, Carolyn McCormick, Wayne Nailon, Wayne Salisbury, Delbert Schleichert, Chris Smith.
 - b. Opposed - Paul Donheffner. Explanation of vote: Mr. Donheffner feels this is not needed as this is micro-managing the Department (i.e., the Department can make these decisions now).
4. Recommend keeping the fees uniform across all state forests lands (i.e., no regional differences).
 - a. all members voted in favor
5. Recommend that the Board of Forestry review the fees in Division 25, Rule 30 biennially.
 - a. all members voted in favor

6. Recommend that a day-use/parking fee is explored by the Department
 - a. All members voted in favor
 - b. A parking fee, or trailhead fee, was proposed for Kings Mountain, Jones Creek, Gales Creek, Elk Creek, and Footbridge parking areas/trailheads. The intention was to charge for use of the improved facilities at these locations. The typical users of the resources are individuals that otherwise don't typically pay fees (e.g., day-use hiking, day-use biking). The committee did not feel this proposal was vetted adequately and so did not provide a recommendation on adoption of this type of fee, the amount, or locations where the fees should be charged.

Appendix A

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Other Fees

- (1) A Person must pay the applicable fee for use of Campgrounds, Camping Areas and other listed facilities and services.
- (2) Payment of Fees: Unless posted otherwise, payment of fees must be made prior to receipt of the permit or use of the facilities and services. Permit fees are non-refundable. Overnight camping fees are for the use of facilities until 1:00 p.m. of the following day.
- (3) Fees for facilities and services:
 - (a) Camping in a Campground at a:
 - (A) Vehicle site: \$15 per night;
 - (B) Walk-in site: \$8 per night;
 - (C) Group site: \$50 per night.
 - (b) A fee of \$35 per night, per Motor Vehicle must be paid by a Person who allows more than one automobile or two motorcycles to be parked overnight at a Designated Campsite reserved by that Person.
 - (c) Camping in a designated Camping Area: \$5 per night per Motor Vehicle.