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**Subject:** Response to Region 6 (R6) Submission for the National Standard Amenity Fee Area Review

**To:** Regional Forester, R-6

This letter responds to the proposals submitted by Region 6 (R6) for the National Standard Amenity Fee Area Review. First, I want to thank you and your staff for closely reviewing the 33 areas in your Region and proposing changes that would better align these fees with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). I concur with the changes being proposed for these 33 areas.

Staff from the Regional Office as well as from the affected Forests worked closely with the Washington Office (WO) to arrive at mutually agreed-upon proposals. The proposals are summarized below:

Area	Proposal Summary	WO Concurrence
<b>Tanner/Wyeth</b> Columbia River Gorge NSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or EAF.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Cascade Lakes</b> Deschutes NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Deschutes River</b> Deschutes NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Santiam Corridor</b> Deschutes NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Three Creek</b> Deschutes NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Baker Lake</b> Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>I-90</b> Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Mather</b> Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes



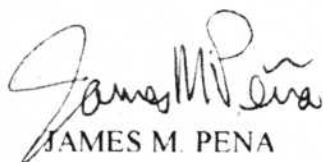
<b>Middle Fork</b> Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Mountain Loop</b> Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Mt. Baker</b> Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change name to <b>Heather Meadows.</b></li> <li>Modify area boundary to include only Heather Meadows Recreation Complex.</li> <li>Sites outside the boundary convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Sky Forks</b> Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Suiattle</b> Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; area never fully implemented so EAF remain EAF and trailheads remain free sites.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>US-2</b> Mt Baker-Snoqualmie NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Mt. Hood Scenic Byway</b> Mt. Hood NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Chewuch River</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, EAF, or eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Chiwawa River</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, EAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Cle Elum Valley</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone EAF.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Harts Pass</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, EAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Highway 12</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, and EAF.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Highway 2</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Highway 20</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF and EAF.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Highway 410</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, EAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Icicle River</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Lake Wenatchee</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Twisp River</b> Okanogan-Wenatchee NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, EAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Cape Perpetua</b> Siuslaw NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF.</li> </ul>	Yes

<b>Horsfall Corridor</b> Siuslaw NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, EAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Siltcoos Corridor</b> Siuslaw NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain as an area. Modify boundary to remove site on east side of highway.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>South Jetty Corridor</b> Siuslaw NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain as an area. Add amenities around South Jetty 4 or 5. Ensure Siuslaw Vista is identified as a free site.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Umpqua Corridor</b> Siuslaw NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, EAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Opal Creek</b> Willamette NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, EAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Waldo Lake</b> Willamette NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove area designation; convert to stand alone SAF, EAF, and eliminate fees.</li> </ul>	Yes

The WO recognizes that its support of these proposals does not mean they will be implemented as proposed due to the next step. The next step in the Area Review process is public involvement, culminating with a presentation to the Pacific Northwest Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) for a recommendation. Since the R6 proposals vary from retaining the area to eliminating fees, the public involvement process must be adjusted accordingly.

As you move forward please work with the Julie Cox, National Recreation RAC Coordinator, at [jcox@fs.fed.us](mailto:jcox@fs.fed.us) or 503-808-2984 to prepare your public involvement tools and your RAC presentations. Templates are available but can be adjusted to individual situations. In cases where proposals may be presented to the same RAC, presentations may be combined.

I understand that new management challenges may present themselves if/when fee changes are implemented. Please keep Brandon Flint, Acting Recreation Fee Program Manager at [bflint@fs.fed.us](mailto:bflint@fs.fed.us) or 202-205-1169, apprised of issues that arise. We will try to address what we can, using other tools for sustainable recreation.



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Enclosures