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To: Maribeth Gustafson, Acting Regional Forester, R-2

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This letter responds to the proposals submitted by Region 2 for the national standard amenity fee area review. First, I want to thank you and your staff for closely reviewing the four areas in your Region and proposing changes that would better align these fees with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. I concur with three of four proposals. For the final area, the Arapaho Roosevelt National Recreation Area, I recognize that the Forest is continuing to work with the WO to identify a proposal. It is important that the review be completed as soon as possible and therefore the updated proposal should be submitted to the WO no later than February 6, 2012.

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

Area	Proposal Summary	WO Concurrence
Green Mountain - Cataract White River NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop area; continue to manage seven stand-alone expanded amenity sites Community group has been consulted about this proposal and supports it 	Yes
Maroon Bells White River NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop area; continue to manage stand-alone standard and expanded amenity sites Continue to share fee with bus service 	Yes
Mt. Evans Arapaho-Roosevelt NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue operating as an area as is 	Yes
ANRA Arapaho-Roosevelt NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD 	TBD

The Washington Office recognizes that its support of the three proposals does not mean they will be implemented as proposed. The next step in the Area Review process is public involvement, culminating with a presentation to the Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) for a recommendation. Since each of the R2 proposals is different, the public involvement process must be adjusted accordingly.

As you move forward, please work with the Julie Cox, Acting Recreation Fee Program Manager, at jacox@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 Ms. Cox, apprised of issues that arise. We will try to address what we can, using other tools for sustainable recreation.

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