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Subject: Response to Region 4 (R4) Submission for the National Standard Amenity Fee Area Review

To: Regional Forester, R-4

This letter responds to the proposals submitted by Region 4 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 (REA). I concur with the changes being proposed for these four areas

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

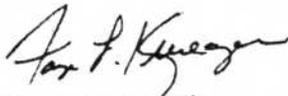
Area	Proposal Summary	WO Concurrence
American Fork Canyon Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue managing as a standard amenity fee area • Reduce the size of the area and drop all fees outside the area except for Cascade Springs, which will become stand alone. • An area fee will no longer be charged to those visitors who are only visiting American Fork Canyon to take a cave tour at Timpanogos Cave National Monument. • Accept Interagency Passes for OHV use until the expiration of REA. • Continue to honor local pass. 	Yes
Mirror Lake Scenic Byway Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert to stand-alone sites and special recreation permits for OHV use. • Continue to operate information stations to include safety information, and continued ease of payment. • Continue to honor local pass. 	Yes
Payette River Boise NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to manage as a standard amenity fee area. • Continue to manage jointly with the Bureau of Land Management. 	Yes
Flaming Gorge Ashley NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove area designation; continue charging standard amenity fees in qualified stand-alone sites. • Continue to honor local pass. 	Yes



The Washington Office 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 appropriate Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Committees (RAC) for a recommendation. Since each of the R4 proposals is different, 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 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 or 202-205-1169, appraised of issues that arise. We will try to address what we can, using other tools for sustainable recreation



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