

To: Chuck Meyers, RF, R9

Cc: Art Jeffers, Marcia Heymen, Julie Cox

This letter responds to the proposals submitted by Region 9 for the national standard amenity fee area review. First, I want to thank you and your staff for closely reviewing the 10 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 10 areas, which would result in three modified areas remaining.

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 Concurrency
Grand Island Hiawatha NF	Remove area designation; continue charging SAF at major landing sites	Yes
Evans Notch-Route 113 White Mountain NF	Remove area designation; maintain as stand-alone EAF or SAF sites or eliminate fees. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wild River Trailhead may operate as a stand-alone SAF site given that all amenities are available at the trailhead or campground.	Yes
Kancamagus White Mountain NF	Retain area designation, but modify slightly to remove one fee site that is slightly off the scenic byway.	Yes
North Presidential White Mountain NF	Remove area designation; maintain as stand-alone SAF sites or eliminate fees.	Yes
Pemigewasset North White Mountain NF	Modify area to include only those sites around Zealand Road and change area name to Zealand . <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For sites outside the boundary, maintain one stand alone SAF site and eliminate fees at all other sites.• Forest will address amenity gap on Zealand Road by adding toilets and trash as needed.	Yes
Piper White Mountain NF	Remove area designation; continue charging SAF fee at one site and eliminate the SAF fee at another.	Yes
Route 16 North White Mountain NF	Modify area to include a 3-mile stretch of scenic area. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For sites outside the boundary; maintain one stand alone SAF site and eliminate fees at one SAF site.• Forest will address amenity gap in scenic area by adding trash as needed.	Yes
Sandwich Notch White Mountain NF	Remove area designation; maintain one stand-alone SAF site, and eliminate all other SAF sites.	Yes
Sawyer Pond White Mountain NF	Remove area designation; maintain one stand-alone SAF site; and eliminate all other SAF fees.	Yes

Tripoli White Mountain NF	Remove area designation; maintain as stand-alone SAF sites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest is looking at adding amenities to one site to potentially create a stand-alone SAF. If this is not feasible, the fee will be eliminated. 	Yes
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The Washington Office recognizes that its support of these 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 Region 9 Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) for a recommendation. Since each of the R9 proposals is different, the public involvement process must be adjusted accordingly.

As you move forward please work with the national Recreation RAC coordinator, Julie Cox, to prepare your public involvement tools and your Recreation RAC presentations. Templates are available which can be adjusted to individual situations. Presentations to the Recreation RAC may be combined.

I understand that new management challenges may present themselves if/when fee changes are implemented. Please keep this office informed of issues that arise. We will address what we can using other tools for sustainable recreation.