Forest Service proposes more fees in Sawtooth, Boise forests

The U.S. Forest Service is proposing nine new fee recreation sites in the Sawtooth National Forest and one in the Boise National Forest. A public meeting on the fees is planned at 10 a.m. Feb. 5 at the Boise District BLM Office at 3948 S. Development Way in Boise.

In addition, the proposal calls for increasing fees at six recreation sites in the Sawtooth National Forest.

The announcement was made Wednesday in the Federal Register.

Here are some details. Proposals call for changing fees at Abbott, Bird Creek, Chaparral, Willow Creek, Bowns and Canyon campgrounds, all located in the Sawtooth’s Fairfield Ranger District, and new fees for seven campgrounds and two cabins, also in the Sawtooth National Forest.

The new fee sites are Bear Creek Transfer Camp, Willow Creek Transfer Camp, and Kelley Creek Group Campground in the Fairfield Ranger District; Diamondfield Jack, Schipper, and Steer Basin campgrounds in the Cassia Division of the Minidoka Ranger District; Sublett campground in the Sublett Division of the Minidoka Ranger District; and The Redfish Lake Cabin and the Sawtooth Valley Work Center Rangers’ cabin in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The Boise National Forest is proposing to charge fees at the Campbell Creek Boat launch on Lake Cascade in the Cascade Ranger District.

Details on pricing have not been released yet by the U.S. Forest Service.