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Dear Permittee:

On November 24, 1999, the Forest Service published a notice of proposed regulations that will allow the Forest Service to recover costs to process special use applications and monitor special use authorizations. The regulations have been published as a draft, for public review and comment. The comment period closes on January 24, 2000.

These proposed regulations will allow the Forest Service to implement a series of federal statutes that authorized us to assess and collect fees to recover the agency's costs to conduct work, and/or provide services to identifiable recipients; work and services that are not otherwise provided for the benefit of the public as a whole, such is the case in issuing and monitoring special use activities on National Forest System lands. The processing and monitoring fees collected pursuant to these proposed regulations will allow the Forest Service to be more responsive to special use applicants and holders.

When adopted, these proposed regulations WILL NOT have an immediate effect upon you as a current holder of a special use authorization. They will affect you under one of the following situations:

1. IF AND WHEN YOU APPLY FOR A NEW AUTHORIZATION FOR NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS NOT CURRENTLY BEING USED OR OCCUPIED.
2. IF YOU CURRENTLY USE AND OCCUPY NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS, AND EITHER DO NOT HOLD A SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO, OR THE AUTHORIZATION YOU DO HOLD HAS EXPIRED.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the proposed cost recovery regulations published in the November 24, 1999, Federal Register Notice. A copy is available electronically on the Forest Service's internet site at http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/permits/cost_recovery.htm

The Federal Register Notice includes instructions for comments or concerns you may wish to submit for the Forest Service to consider in finalizing and implementing these proposed regulations. In addition, we will be conducting public workshops in various locations throughout the country. The following are the planned locations and dates for these public workshops.

Washington DC: January 4, 2000, Tuesday: 10:00 am, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 201 14th St. S.W. at Independence Ave., Washington DC, 2nd Floor, Roosevelt Conference Room.

Manchester, NH: January 6, 2000, Thursday: 1:00 pm, The Highlander Inn, Coldwell Room, 2 Highlander Way, Manchester, NH.

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Seattle, WA: January 6, 2000, Thursday: 1:00 pm, Hilton Seattle Airport, Columbia West Room,
17620 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA.

Atlanta, GA: January 10, 2000, Monday: 1:00 pm, USFS Southern Regional Office, 1720 Peachtree
Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA.

Sacramento, CA: January 11, 2000, Tuesday: 1:00 pm, Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Fresno Room, 300
J Street, Sacramento, CA

Salt Lake City, UT: January 12, 2000, Wednesday: 10:00 am, Hilton, 150 W. 500 S., SLC, UT

Denver, CO: January 13, 2000, Thursday: 1:00 pm, Marriott Denver West, 1717 Denver West Blvd.,
Golden, CO

If you have any questions, please contact us at the local Forest Service office listed above.

Sincerely,

Barbara Johnston

for ARTHUR L. GAFFREY
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure