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## BLM Clay Creek Recreation Site Fee Increase Proposed

**Eugene, OR** The Eugene District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to increase recreation fees for overnight camping at BLM's Clay Creek Recreation Site, effective May, 2011.

Additional revenues generated by the increased fee would be used on-site to help pay for maintenance and the services offered at Clay Creek. These fees would be consistent with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the U.S. Forest Service recreation camping fees.

Clay Creek has campsites, large group shelters, manufactured climbing, potable water, dump station, river access, swimming, changing room, amphitheater, wading, trails, camp host, garbage service, vault toilets, fee collection, water, fire pit or BBQ grill, picnic tables, ball fields, parking areas, information bulletin board, horseshoes, and other amenities.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 authorizes recreation sites to retain fees where they are collected. The fees must be reinvested in services, upgrades or maintenance needs. This legislation also resulted in the formation of a recreation advisory committee which approves any BLM and Forest Service changes or increases in the fee structure. Advisory council members come from communities throughout Oregon and Washington and they represent a variety of recreation interests. The proposed fee increases are listed below:

### 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District – Lane County

Existing Fees	Proposed Fees
<b>Expanded Amenity</b>	
Standard Campsite	Extra Vehicle
\$10.00	\$5.00
\$14.00	\$6.00

The Eugene District BLM is accepting comments on the new fee proposal between now and Sept. 7. Please send any comments to Eugene District Office BLM, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite E, Springfield, OR 97477, or by calling Bill Hatton for Whittaker and Clay Creek recreation sites (541) 683-6212 or Bill O'Sullivan for Shotgun Creek and Sharp's Creek sites (541) 683- 6287 or online at [OR Eugene Mail@blm.gov](mailto:OR_Eugene_Mail@blm.gov).

**About the BLM:** The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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