



# Forest Service Fee Report

Site Name: Visitor Gateway Group Picnic Sites

Site Type: GROUP PICNIC SITE

Action: New Fee

Fee Type: Standard Amenity Fee

Forest Name: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

District: Spring Mountains National Recreation

### Financial Information:

Total O&M:

Deferred Maintenance:

Current Revenue: \$0

Predicted Revenue: \$10,000

Projected Development Costs: \$1,500,000

### Fee Change Information:

Reservation fee of \$9.00 applies

From: 3/1 To: 12/31

Current Fees: Proposed Fees:

Rate \$0.00 \$70.00

Fee Remarks: These are two group picnic sites that can accommodate up to 40 people each. The \$70 price is for half a day, if the user rents the entire day, the price will be \$120 per day.

### Reason for Fee Change

Two group picnic sites are new to the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area and are currently under construction. This proposal will result in substantial improvement in the visitor's experience to this area. These new facilities are located within the Visitor Gateway Visitor Center.

### Basic Group Site Amenities

Access Road:	Paved Road	Picnic Table:	Yes
Fire Device:	Combo Fire Ring/Grill	Serving Table:	Yes
Visitor Protection:	Host or attendant present	Tent Pad:	No
Toilet:	Flush	Play	
Pavilion:	With Utilities	Equipment:	No
Water:	Yes		
Garbage:	Yes		

### Other Site Amenities:

View  
Tourism  
Interpretive Services  
Near Population Center  
Rec Opportunities from site

### Area Description:

The Spring Mountains National Recreation Area is part of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and located just 30 minutes from downtown Las Vegas and encompasses more than 316,000 acres of remarkable beauty and surprising diversity. There are three wilderness areas, numerous hiking and biking trails, camping, picnicking, downhill skiing, tubing, and much more.

### Planned Accomplishment Narrative:

Accomplishments will be posted on the Forest's website and in the yearly Recreation Fee Accomplishment Report. The funds will help maintain these group picnic sites and provide a recreation opportunity to the public.



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**Other Provider Summary:** Other Provider Avg Price: \$45.00

Cathedral Rock Group Picnic Area  
\$70.00

This is a Forest Service site with picnic tables, fire rings/grills, flush toilets, and host present. Site holds up at 32 people.

Red Rock Canyon  
\$40.00

This is a BLM site with picnic table, two charcoal grills, shade structure, vault toilets, and no water. Site holds up to 50 people and can be reserved for four hours in one day.

Valley of Fire State Park  
\$25.00+

This is a State Park site with picnic tables, water, shade structure, vault toilet, grills, and fire pit. Site holds up to 45 people for one day. Additionally, there is a \$20.00 fee per vehicle per night.

### Price Justification:

The group picnic site is consistent with the other group in the vicinity with similar amenities. The Cathedral Rock Group Picnic area is also located on the Spring Mountain National Recreation Area under a concessionaire operation. The two facilities are very identical in offerings, so this this is the closest comparable, and price is set accordingly.

### Site Photos



The site is still under construction.



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## Public Participation: Yes

Posted Notice in Rec Area: 06/17/2014

News Release: 06/17/2014

Website Post: 06/17/2014

Notify Local Interest Groups: 06/17/2014

Federal Register Notice: 09/11/2014

Local Elected Official: 06/17/2014

Federal Legislator: 06/17/2014

### Public Participation Tasks:

A Federal Register notice was published on 9/11/2014, which was delayed due to internal miscommunications.

Signs were posted on site and on the Forest/Regional Office websites on 6/17/2014.

A news release was distributed to local media outlets about the proposal and how to comment on 6/17/2014.

Forest briefed the county commissioners on 6/17/2014 and 11/6/2014 and federal legislators on 6/17/2014.

### Public Participation Results:

The Carson Now published the story on 6/17/2014.

Forest briefed local interest groups on June 17, 2014 who were in support of the proposal.

Neither the county commissioners nor the federal legislators had any concerns with the fee proposal.

One comment was received: I saw in today's Federal Register the notice about new fees being proposed for some group picnic sites on the Humboldt-Toiyabe. The notice says that comments will be accepted until September 1, which was ten days ago. How can the comment period be already closed before the notice is published? The link given in the notice for more information brings up a page that has nothing on it about this proposal. The notice also says something about cabins, but there are no details about what cabins that refers to. Can you please clarify what the comment period is, and send me the details of the proposal(s) or a link to where they are posted.