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New Day Use Fees at Stumpy Meadows, Loon Lake, Ice House, and Union Valley Reservoirs

Placerville, CA..... New day use fees will be charged at several popular Eldorado National Forest recreation areas. Beginning May 22, 2009, a six dollar per day use fee will be charged at Stumpy Meadows and Ice House Reservoir picnic areas and boat ramps, and at boat ramps for Union Valley and Loon Lake Reservoirs. The fees will pay for the cost of operating and maintaining these recreation facilities.

American Land and Leisure Company has a Forest Service special use permit to manage the recreation facilities and will collect the day use fees.

Seasonal passes will be available from AL&L for unlimited day use of these facilities. Visitors can purchase a \$50 seasonal pass to utilize all of the day use fee sites managed by AL&L in the Eldorado National Forest. A \$25 seasonal pass will also be available for people who only want to use the Stumpy Meadows picnic area and boat ramp.

Seasonal passes can be purchased from AL&L concessionaires located at the applicable recreation sites.

The day use fee will pay for trash pick up, toilet pumping, repairing and replacing signs, maintaining picnic tables, barbeque grates, and water systems.

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Editor's note: Information specific to Stumpy Meadows day use fees is posted on the Eldorado National Forest website at: www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado.