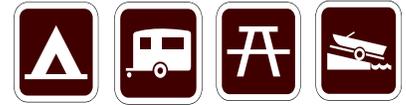




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Recreation Facility Analysis

Shasta-Trinity National Forest



Looking for Ways to Improve Recreation Opportunities

The Forest Service is reviewing more than 150 developed recreation sites across the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, through a process called Recreation Facility Analysis (RFA) (formerly called Recreation Site Facility Master Planning). This process will allow the Forest Service, with ideas and information from you and others, to provide the best recreation opportunities in the right national forest locations.

Many of the Shasta-Trinity's developed recreation sites were built 30-50 years ago, while others have been upgraded more recently. We know that over the years, visitor preferences and demographics have changed and that some sites do not meet visitors' expectations and needs.

RFA Process

This study will look at the operation and maintenance of the campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, boat ramps, information stations, and other facilities in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to assure that sound economic decisions are made that meet current and future visitor and community recreation needs.

National Forests around the country are conducting similar studies and following a similar process. The RFA process involves seven steps designed to identify developed recreation sites that are best suited for the Shasta-Trinity. The process will also determine any modifications needed to make these recreation sites consistent with visitor needs and uses.

The RFA is a tool to help the Forest Service align its developed recreation sites with the unique characteristics of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, projected recreation demand, visitors' expectations, and

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Recreation Program Niche

With the help of the public, market data, recreation visitor use data and recreation trends the Shasta-Trinity drafted a niche statement that will identify the recreation program focus for the Forest. The RFA process will use the niche plus other criteria to help evaluate every developed recreation site.

Here is the Shasta-Trinity Niche Statement:

Make a Splash!

From the clear waters of Shasta and Trinity lakes to wild rivers, high alpine lakes, and the white slopes of Mt. Shasta, you can find a place to get away on the waters of the Shasta-Trinity NF. The forest and its partners are leaders in managing use to ensure quality recreation experiences as the surrounding population grows. No matter where you go, you can find a place for escape and renewal on the Shasta-T.

We Want To Hear From You

Your ideas about how to care for the recreation facilities in the future is an important part of the process. We are aware that certain sites, even those in less than desirable condition, are important to groups and individuals. It is valuable for us to hear from you to help round out our understanding of what is important to consider in this process.

Thank you for your participation!

Please send your ideas to:

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Seven Steps of Recreation Facility Analysis

The RFA involves seven steps, each bringing the Forest's developed recreation sites in closer alignment with the Forest's unique characteristics, projected demand, visitor expectations, costs for operation and maintenance, and revenue.

- 1 Step 1: Prepare Site Inventory and Financial Data.**
The inventory of recreation sites is updated, along with estimates of the costs for operation and maintenance plus the deferred maintenance for each recreation site.
The Shasta-Trinity N.F. completed this step early in 2007.
- 2 Step 2: Identify Unit Recreation Program Niche. PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY!**
Recreation-visitor use, market data, and public input are examined to determine the focus of the forest's recreation program.
The Shasta-Trinity's completed this step in June 2007.
- 3 Step 3: Identify Operational Efficiencies.**
Recreation sites will be examined to determine if efficiencies can be undertaken to further reduce site expenditures and eliminate deferred maintenance while maintaining recreation opportunities.
- 4 Step 4: Rank Recreation Sites.**
Recreation sites are rated through the use of a series of questions involving the sites' conformance with the forest recreation program niche; their financial and operational efficiency; their effects on environmental sustainability; and their effects on community stability.
The Shasta-Trinity completed this step in August 2007.
PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY! A public open house was held Thursday, August 2, from 5 to 8 p.m., 2007 at the Shasta-Trinity office, 3644 Artech Parkway, Redding. Participants will be given an opportunity to ask questions, share their ideas, identify acceptable management options to reduce recreation site operations and maintenance costs. Opportunities will be sought to explore alternative ways of operating sites or building new partnerships.
- 5 Step 5: Propose 5-year Recreation Site Management Strategy. PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY!**
The proposed 5-year Recreation Site Management Strategy will be prepared based upon the analysis completed in the previous four steps. The proposed strategy will be posted on the Shasta-Trinity's web site. The public will be invited to make comments.
- 6 Step 6: Finalize 5-year Recreation Site Management Strategy.**
The 5-year Recreation Site Management Strategy will be refined, based upon the broader discussions with stakeholders. The Shasta-Trinity estimates this will be completed early in 2008.
- 7 Step 7: Implementation.**
Site-specific steps are proposed to implement the 5-year strategy. Prior to implementation the National Environmental Policy Act and other agency requirements will be completed. Projects will be listed on the Shasta-Trinity's Schedule of Proposed Actions.

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