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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Proposed New Fee Sites

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed new fee sites.

SUMMARY: The Sequoia National Forest is proposing to charge new fees at several recreation sites listed in

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION of this notice. Funds from fees would be used for operation, maintenance, and improvements of these recreation sites. An analysis of nearby developed recreation sites with similar amenities shows the proposed fees are reasonable and typical of similar sites in the area.

DATES: If approved, the new fee would be implemented no earlier than six months following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Sequoia National Forest, 1839 S Newcomb, Porterville, California 93257.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Miller, Public Services Staff Officer, 559-784-1500 or karen.miller@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six-month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. The fees are only proposed at this time and will be determined upon further analysis and public comment. Reasonable fees, paid by users of these sites, will help ensure that the Forest can continue maintaining and improving recreation sites like this for future generations.

As part of this proposal, Troy Meadow Group Campground is proposed at \$90 per night. In addition,

this proposal would implement a new fee at Bonita Cabin, for \$90 per night.

New fees would provide increased visitor opportunities, as well as increased staffing to address operations and maintenance needs and enhance customer service. Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation. Advanced reservations for campgrounds and cabins will be available through www.recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777. The reservation service charges an \$8.00 fee for reservations.

Dated: November 3, 2022.

Jacqueline Emanuel,
Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tongass National Forest; Alaska; Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Facility Improvements Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Tongass National Forest, Alaska, intends to prepare a supplemental draft environmental impact statement (SDEIS) for the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Facility Improvements Project. The notice of availability for the draft EIS was published on March 4, 2022 and amended on April 15, 2022. Public comments on the draft EIS requested analysis of additional alternatives, primarily related to the siting of a proposed Welcome Center and parking areas at the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area (MGRA) in Juneau, Alaska. The SDEIS will include three new action alternatives. Although not required, this notice of intent provides for public awareness of the forthcoming SDEIS.

DATES: The Forest Service is not inviting comments at this time. The SDEIS is expected to be available for public review and comment in the first quarter of 2023, and the final EIS is expected to

be issued in the second quarter of 2023. The comment period for the SDEIS will be for 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Tongass National Forest, 648 Mission Street, Suite No. 110, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monique Nelson, project manager, by phone at 1-907-209-4090 or by email at monique.nelson@usda.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the project is to update infrastructure and create recreation opportunities at the MGRA that can accommodate projected future visitor use while protecting the unique characteristics and outstanding beauty of the area. The project is needed to continue to provide quality opportunities for all visitors to enjoy the Recreation Area, to provide new recreation and interpretation experiences that emphasize the area's outstanding scenery and wildlife resources even as the glacier recedes out of view of the existing Visitor Center, to meet the demand of the visitor industry and support the economy of Southeast Alaska, and to protect the area from environmental impacts associated with increased visitation.

Proposed Action

The proposed action was described in the December 16, 2020 notice of intent and as alternative 2 in the draft EIS. The proposed action includes expansion of the two main parking areas nearest the existing Visitor Center, requiring fill of Zigzag pond; reconfiguration and paving of the commercial bus parking lot and addition of a maintenance building; replacement of a covered outdoor pavilion and parking area shelter with a new 14,000 square-foot Welcome Center, outdoor plaza with amphitheater, interpretive and wayfinding signs, and waiting shelters; renovations to the historic Visitor Center; improvements to the existing Steep Creek, Nugget Falls, and Photo