

STATUS UPDATE

The recent activities in Washington DC surrounding the Health Care Reform issue has allowed us some time to develop additional support for our proposed CFA (summary below) which could replace current CUFFA process with one which is believed to be revenue neutral for the USFS and less volatile to our Permittee families.

Since our Bill has **not** yet been introduced by Representative **Doc Hastings** of Washington State, of the House Committee on Natural Resources the National Forest Homeowners folks have had the opportunity to seek additional support. We now have the co-sponsorship of **Jim Costa** a Democrat member of the Committee. We believe we need to garner the support of additional Representatives. We have been asked by Pete Bailey & our Own George Cardinet III to forward our thoughts to two specific Congressmen at this time [Cardoza-Merced & Garamendi-Walnut Creek]. It is probably best to use the fax process as the e-mail system is rather labyrinth and disallows non-District messages.

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CABIN FEE ACT PROPOSAL (CFA-summary)

The CFA proposes a two-tiered Permit Fee which includes an **annual flat fee** and a **transfer fee** when a cabin is sold or otherwise transferred. The annual flat fee, indexed annually, addresses the issue of affordability of the Program going forward. At the time a cabin sells, when prices are determined by buyers and sellers, a transfer fee based on a percentage of the sale price would be collected. The transfer fee represents the value influence of the cabin site location.

Annual User Fee

- 1) Using 2009 CUFFA Appraisal Data each cabin is placed in one of five tiers of '*relative value*'. The Annual Fee will be the same for all cabins in each tier.
- 2) The tiers will range from \$500-\$4,000 and will be the product of negotiation. All total Annual User Fees will provide the USFS with the same funds as in 2009.
- 3) The Annual User Fee will be adjusted up or down annually based on the IBD-GDP Index or other similar index.

Transfer Fee

- 1) A minimum Transfer Fee of \$1000 will be assessed when a Permit is transferred.

- 2) A Transfer Fee surcharge will be added to sales above \$250,000 as follows:
- a. \$250,000-\$500,000 = 5% of the amount over \$250,000
 - b. Over \$500,000 = 5% of the amount over \$250,000 plus 10% of the amount over \$500,000.

For more info

open www.nationalforesthomeowners.org click on the 'C2 Alternate Fee Proposal' icon

or open:

<http://www.nationalforesthomeowners.org/pdfs/C2%20Fee%20Model%20Package.FINAL.pdf>

Additional Committee Representatives can be located at:

<http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/index.php>

Thank you for your help.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Fisher', with a horizontal line extending to the left.

Tim Fisher PPA Board

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