

CFA or CUFFA?
Reasonable, Predictable and Fair Fees with the CFA for the Future
or
Unpredictable CUFFA Fees Every 10 Years! It's Up to You!

The Cabin Fee Act: Well positioned for enactment into law... but, a Senate mark-up is essential!

Where are we? In the House of Representatives, H.R. 3397 is now part of H.R. 4019, The Federal Forests, County Revenue, Schools, and Jobs Act of 2012 (The Secure Rural Schools Act), which is expected to be passed by the full House in the next few weeks. By being included in H.R. 4019, the CFA will have passed the full House and qualified to be included in negotiations with the Senate.

In the Senate, following a positive hearing before the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, S.1906 is now awaiting a markup by the full ENR Committee. Currently, no markup sessions have been scheduled. ***The committee needs to hear (en mass) from cabin owner constituents, as well as from other Senators urging the committee to schedule a mark-up session ASAP and to get the CFA passed this year!***

Grassroots Importance: *A winning strategy requires re-energizing the strong grassroots network of cabin owners to communicate the urgent need to our Senators of a Senate mark-up of S.1906. It was your grassroots support through communications with your congressmen that made the gains to this point possible. Your support is needed once again and this will likely not be the last until the Cabin Fee Act is enacted into law.*

What's the Problem? We are closer than ever with many positive signs. The CFA is a bipartisan, non-controversial bill that is supported by the Forest Service. However, the legislative process is complex and a crowded election year schedule in Congress does not guarantee action. We must continue to let Congress know that this is a critical issue for cabin owners -- that we are fiercely determined to achieve passage this year. If we fail, we face the full impact of CUFFA immediately! If not passed in 2012, we face a new Congress which will require re-introduction of the CFA, more hearings and mark-up sessions in both Houses. Back to square one! Volunteer energy and C2 finances are limited and diminishing. ***This is the year we must accomplish successful passage of the CFA, there is no tomorrow!***

Your Call to Action: Please send your message by phone, fax or email to your Senators that Congress must pass the Cabin Fee Act this year . . . that it is a bipartisan, revenue neutral, noncontroversial bill supported by the Forest Service. It must not be allowed to languish but must instead be a high priority item on their "must pass" agenda. If you have written before, please do so again. To contact your Senators, click on the following link: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm .

The members of the ENR committee are listed below. Committee members should be asked to support a prompt mark-up session and passage of the bill. If your Senator is *not* on the committee, ask your Senator to contact ENR committee chairman, Sen. Jeff Bingaman and urge him to schedule a mark-up ASAP and support passage of the CFA this year.

We recognize the imposition on your time, money and energy but we all have too much at stake to back away now. We have come a long way and with a strong, united effort we will succeed this year. Do your part, support the effort and contact your Senator today. **The time is now!**

C2 Financial Needs: C2 operating funds are very low. We need your continued financial support of our efforts with the legislation and to support the work of overseeing the Rules and Regulations to follow. Our goal is to raise \$100K. As our annual C2 expenses have exceeded this amount, we believe this revenue goal is both prudent and conservative. Please consider making another C2 contribution, or your first, directly as noted below. If you have contributed through your cabin associations in the past, (C2 Donor Tract or C2 Partner) please continue to do so. **Note:** C2 Revenue & Expense Summary attached.

C2 contributions should be made out to NFH and sent to:
Barbara Warnock, NFH, 541 West Santa Clara Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92706.

Please note 'C2 contribution' on the memo line.

Democrats

Bingaman, Jeff (NM), Chairman
Wyden, Ron (OR)
Johnson, Tim (SD)
Cantwell, Maria (WA)
Landrieu, Mary L. (LA)
Udall, Mark (CO)
Sanders, Bernard (VT)
Stabenow, Debbie (MI)
Shaheen, Jeanne (NH)
Franken, Al (MN)
Manchin, Joe (WV)
Coons, Christopher (DE)

Republicans

Murkowski, Lisa (AK), Ranking Member
Barrasso, John (WY)
Risch, James E. (ID)
Corker, Bob (TN)
Lee, Mike (UT)
Paul, Rand (KY)
Coats, Daniel (IN)
Portman, Rob (OH)
Hoeven, John (ND)
Heller, Dean (NV)

Thank You in advance. Cabin Coalition 2, May 15, 2012.