DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Fish and Wildlife Service  


Fee Collection at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, OR  

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.  

ACTION: Notice of intent to implement fee collection.  

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce our intent to collect an entrance fee at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), located in Oregon, as authorized by Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). Under REA provisions, the Refuge will identify and post specific visitor fees. The Refuge’s proposed fees include a $2.00 per day per person fee or a $4.00 per day per vehicle fee (see proposed Fee Schedule under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION).  

DATES: Submit your comments on this action by March 19, 2009. Unless we publish a notice in the Federal Register withdrawing this action, we will begin collecting fees on August 17, 2009 at the Refuge.  

Tualatin River Refuge visitors | Entrance fee  
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1. Youth Ages 15 and Under | Free  
2. Daily Individual Entrance Fee (Fee is per person/per day, when arriving on foot, bicycle, as part of a tour group, or on a bus.). | $2.00  
3. Daily Noncommercial Vehicle Entrance Fee (Fee is per single, private noncommercial vehicle.) | $4.00  
4. Family Group Entrance Fee (Fee is the maximum per day, per family, when arriving on foot, bicycle, as part of a tour group, or on a bus). A family group is defined as up to four adults (16 years and older) and any number of children (15 years and under). | $4.00  
5. Annual Tualatin River Refuge Pass (per single private noncommercial vehicle) valid for 1 year | $15.00 annually.  

Special Provisions and Exceptions to the Entrance Fee Structure  

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is a “fee-free” day for all visitors to the Refuge. The National Environmental Education Foundation determines the date of NPLD. The Refuge may establish other “fee-free” days in conjunction with special events such as International Migratory Bird Day and National Wildlife Refuge Week.  

The Refuge will not collect entrance fees from volunteers who are actively working on or for the Refuge during their scheduled duty times. Volunteers who contribute and record 80 hours of volunteer service or more during a fiscal year will receive an Annual Refuge Pass at no charge.  

The Refuge will waive entrance fees for school groups participating in the Refuge’s environmental education field trip program. However, all educators interested in bringing students to the Refuge in grades K–8 must first complete the Refuge’s teacher workshop. The Refuge will also waive fees for secondary level and collegiate student field trips that support a larger unit of study.  

The Refuge will waive site-specific entrance fees for enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde with proper identification.  

Passes in Lieu of Entrance Fees  

The Refuge will participate in two pass programs, the Federal Duck Stamp and the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass programs. The Refuge will honor and offer for purchase passes associated with these programs. Information on the programs is available on the Service’s Internet site at http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/ and http://www.fws.gov/refuges/visitors/passes.html. The Refuge will also honor Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access passes. A list of passes the Refuge will honor and/or sell follows. If your pass is not listed, we encourage you to contact the Refuge and inquire about pass acceptance prior to your visit.  

Reasonable Accommodation  

Persons needing reasonable accommodation to attend and participate in one of the public meetings should contact Ken Troyer (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). To allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than five days prior to the meeting you plan to attend. Information regarding the applicant’s proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.  

Dated: February 9, 2009.  
David Wesley,  
Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon  

Angela Somma,  
Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.  

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Strassburg or Ralph Webber at (503) 625–5944.  

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In an effort to meet increasing demands for services, and to maintain developed facilities, we announce our intent to implement an entrance fee at the Refuge under 16 U.S.C. 6802(e) of the REA. The Refuge plans to use collected fees to repair, maintain, and enhance visitor facilities. Here is the proposed entrance fee structure:
Entrance Fees Support Refuge Visitor Facilities

The Refuge plans to use collected fees to repair and maintain the following visitor facilities: trails, wildlife overlooks, a photography blind, environmental education study sites, interpretive signs, the Wildlife Center, public access roads, and parking lots. The Refuge will also use collected fees to purchase environmental education curriculum and equipment, interpretive publications, and exhibit materials. It is our policy to allow only activities that are appropriate and compatible with the specific site’s purposes. In order to charge fees, the site must have the staff and resources to manage a fee activity as well as to collect and deposit money.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authorities and Requirements of the REA

In December 2004, the REA became law (16 U.S.C. 6801–6814). The REA provides authority through December 2014 for the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture (Secretaries) to establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees at some Federal recreation lands and waters, and contains specific provisions addressing public involvement in establishing recreation fees. The REA also directed the Secretaries to publish advance notice in the Federal Register whenever bureaus establish new recreation fee areas under their respective jurisdictions.

Should public comments provide substantive reasons why we should not collect fees at the Refuge, we may reevaluate our plan and publish a subsequent notice in the Federal Register withdrawing this action. Otherwise, fee collection at the Tualatin River Refuge for visitor facilities and programs will begin on the date specified in the DATES section of this document, and the Refuge will post fee amounts and expenditures onsite.


Dated: January 6, 2009.

David J. Wesley,
Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Montana: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, (30) days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin Bonorden, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669, telephone (701) 227–7730 or (406) 806–5009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was executed at the request of the Fort Peck Agency, through the Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and was necessary to determine Trust and Tribal lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

Principal Meridian, Montana
T. 27 N., R. 54 E.

The plat, in 4 sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the 13th Guide Meridian East, through Township 27 North, and a portion of the west and north boundaries, the corrective dependent resurvey of the lines between sections 1 and 2, sections 2 and 3, and sections 9 and 10, the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, a portion of the subdivision of sections 1, 2, 3, and 6, and the adjusted original meanders of the left bank of the Missouri River, downstream through sections 1, 2, 3, 6, and 12, the subdivision of sections 1, 2, and 3, and the survey of the meanders of the present left bank of the Missouri River, downstream through sections 1, 2, 3, and 6, the meanders of the left bank of a relocated channel of the Missouri River, downstream through section 1, the medielines of two relocated channels of the Missouri River, certain partition lines, and Tract 41, Township 27 North, Range 54 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted February 6, 2009.

We will place a copy of the plat, in 4 sheets, and related field notes we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in 4 sheets, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file this plat, in 4 sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.


Michael T. Birtles,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing

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