Recreation Permit and Fee Changes Approved for 2018

NELSONVILLE, Ohio (April 27, 2018) – Today, Wayne National Forest Supervisor Tony Scardina announced that new permit and fee changes for off-highway vehicles, horse, and mountain-bike trail use will be implemented starting Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Last week, the Forest Service’s Eastern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC) approved the Wayne National Forest’s recreation fee change proposal. The proposal changes fees for both trail use and camping. The proposal eliminates trail permits and fees for horse and mountain-bike trail users. It also reduces the seasonal permit fee for off-highway vehicles (OHV) from $45 to $35 and the 3-day permit from $24 to $20. The daily permit was eliminated.

Implementation of proposed camping fee changes are pending the Regional Forester’s approval.

Once approved, the fee proposal will adjust the base camping fee to $15 per night across the Forest. Campsites with electrical hook-ups would include an additional $5 fee. The fee changes affect Iron Ridge, Leith Run, Burr Oak Cove, and Stone Church Horse Campgrounds. At Burr Oak Cove Campground, campsites will be charged $10 per night when the water is turned off and for walk-in campsites.

The following campgrounds will be charged $10 per night: Hune Bridge, Lane Farm, Ring Mill, and Lamping Homestead Campgrounds.

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