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Increased Fee and Some Reservations Proposed at Many Glacier Campground

Public Comments Encouraged

WEST GLACIER, MT. – Public comments are encouraged on a proposal to increase the nightly fee and allow some reservations at the Many Glacier Campground in Glacier National Park. It will provide an opportunity for visitors to plan their trip to Many Glacier with knowledge of a secured campsite.

The proposal is to increase the nightly camping fee from \$20 to \$23 per campsite, and allow for site-specific reservations at approximately half of the campsites through the National Recreation Reservation System. The increase in fees would off-set the service charge of the reservation service provider and would be applied to the entire campground. It is proposed that the new fees and opportunity to reserve a campsite would begin next summer, June 2014.

Currently, the Many Glacier Campground is managed as a completely first-come first-served campground. The campground is popular, filling every day in the summer by mid-to-late morning. The park would allow site-specific reservations at approximately half of the campsites, while the other half of the campground would remain first-come, first-served. There are 109 sites at the Many Glacier Campground. Individuals who hold a senior or access pass through the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program would continue to receive a 50-percent discount on camping fees charged at the campground.

Two campgrounds at Glacier National Park, St. Mary and Fish Creek Campgrounds, have reservations available with a nightly fee of \$23.

Public comments on this proposal should be submitted by March 6, 2013. An on-line form is available at www.parkplanning.nps.gov/ManyGlacierCampgroundFees. Comments may be also be submitted through the mail to Glacier National Park, Attention: Many Glacier Campground Fee Rate Increase, PO Box 128, West Glacier, MT 59936.

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