



# Proposed Entrance Fee Increase

**Stakeholder Outreach:** On August 19, 2014, the National Park Service director approved parks to conduct stakeholder outreach through civic engagement to gauge support for possible fee changes to entrance, expanded amenity, and special recreation permit fees.

**Authorization:** The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) of 2004 is the legislation authorizing federal agencies to charge entrance and user fees. FLREA also established the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program. This federal law allows parks to collect fees and retain a percentage of the revenue to expend on facility maintenance and services directly related to visitor enjoyment.

**Who Collects Fees?** Only 131 of the 401 National Park Service units collect entrance fees.

**Where Do Fees Go?** The largest parks, including Grand Canyon, are authorized to retain roughly 80% of entrance fee revenue for visitor facilities and services.

**Need for Fee Increase:** The National Park Service has updated the current national entrance fee schedule which was last changed in 2008. The need for a fee increase is directly related to the increase in operating costs year after year and the ongoing maintenance of visitor facilities and infrastructure.

**Local Input:** Beginning in 2015, parks are authorized to change their recreation fee rates to align with the new rate schedule, after actively engaging the public about proposed changes and impacts. The decision to adjust fees will be made locally, with input from local communities, to ensure the fee increases are implemented in a way that works best for parks and visitors.

**Commercial Vehicles:** These fee changes do not affect commercial entrance fees.

**Motorcycles:** The Code of Federal Regulations has long defined motorcycles as “vehicles.” To establish consistency among federal agencies, in 2011 the National Park Service began considering motorcycles as vehicles for the purpose of collecting entrance fees.

**Last Fee Increase:** Grand Canyon National Park’s entrance fees have not increased since 2006, when the 7 day pass went from \$20 to \$25 and the individual pass went from \$8 per person to \$12.

Type of Pass	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Single Vehicle	\$25	\$30
Individual	\$12	\$15
Motorcycle	\$12	\$25
Grand Canyon NP Annual Pass	\$50	\$60

