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# LAVA BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT News Release

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## Public Comment Needed for Proposed Fee Increase at Lava Beds National Monument

Tulelake, CA –Lava Beds National Monument is looking for public comment on a proposal to bring the rates in alignment with the standard pricing model of similar national park areas. The current park entrance fees were partially raised in 2015 from the rates that were in place at Lava Beds National Monument since 2003.

| Entrance Type                                     | Current Fee | Proposed Fee (beginning 2018) |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 1-7 Day Vehicle Fee                               | \$15        | \$20                          |
| 1-7 Day Individual Fee (Hiker, Bicyclist, Horses) | \$10        | \$10                          |
| 1-7 day Motorcycle Fee                            | \$10        | \$15                          |
| Annual Lava Beds Pass                             | \$30        | \$40                          |

Entrance fees are not charged to persons under 16 years of age or holders of the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Annual, Senior, Access, Military, Volunteer, or 4th Grade (EKIP) passes. These passes may be obtained at the Park.

“We are committed to keeping the park affordable, but we also want to provide visitors with the best possible experience,” said Lava Beds National Monument Superintendent Lawrence J. Whalon Jr. “The money from camping/entrance fees is used to improve facilities, infrastructure, and visitor services.”

Ninety seven percent of the recreation fee dollars collected at Lava Beds National Monument stay right here providing services, facilities, trails, and activities to enhance the visitors experience. This year alone Lava Beds has completed 7 projects ranging from installed bike racks for visitor use, replaced deteriorated walkways at cave entrances, provided new trailhead cave maps, installed bear proof, accessible trash cans for visitor use, and developed new glow in the dark waysides for the Night Sky Trail.

Additional revenue raised by a fee increase would help further the mission of the National Park Service by ensuring our deferred maintenance targets are met, which directly benefits each and every Lava Beds visitor who uses any restroom, explores any cave, hikes down any trail or stops at the Visitor Center for information or participates in a ranger led tour. This revenue would be used to redesign the Indian Well Drive In Campground and continue projects to remove deteriorated asphalt walkways and replace with concrete at Valentine Cave, Black Crater, Hospital Rock, and Captain Jacks Stronghold.

Lava Beds National Monument is a strong economic engine for the surrounding area. In 2016, more than 127,700 park visitors contributed \$5.4 million to the local economy and supported 74 jobs related to tourism.

Comments can be submitted through the park's planning and social media websites found at [nps.gov/labe](http://nps.gov/labe) beginning September 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

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