

IN REPLY REFER TO: F5419

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Cedar Breaks National Monument Cedar City, UT 84720 435-586-9451



January 10, 2018

Dear Park Constituent,

In 2017 the National Park Service (NPS) issued the call for parks to conduct stakeholder outreach to gauge support for proposed changes to entrance and campground fees authorized by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) of 2004. The costs for NPS Park passes covered under the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program are not being considered at this time.

The original FLREA legislation, passed by Congress in 1996, created a user fee based system which allowed National Park Service units to retain and use fees to pay for visitor services and defray some of the costs associated with maintaining visitor facilities. By law, these funds can only be used to help cover costs that are directly related to providing visitor services, such as educational ranger-led programs and facilities such as campgrounds. The proposed increase to entrance fees would adhere to a new nationwide fee schedule applied to parks of similar size and types of visitor experiences offered and are not charged for persons under 16 years of age or NPS Park Pass holders. The proposed fee increases for Cedar Breaks National Monument are as follows:

Fee Type	2017 Fee	Proposed 2018 Fee
Per Person (7 day pass)	\$6	\$7
Cedar Breaks Annual Park Pass	\$25	\$30
Camping per night	\$20	\$24

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Beginning on January 10th, Cedar Breaks National Monument will begin its civic engagement process by writing or visiting with State, Federal and local legislative offices and staff to discuss the proposed fee increase. We will also issue a press release, post proposed fee increase information on park websites, social media pages, and on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website to gather public feedback. To make comments please visit our PEPC site, <u>https://parkplanning.nps.gov/cebr</u>. The public comment period will close on February 10, 2018.

In March 2018, the Washington Office will notify all NPS units proposing fee increases to meet the nationwide fee schedule of the results for this outreach effort. If selected, the increase to entrance fees would go into effect as early as **May 25, 2018** for Cedar Breaks National Monument.

We appreciate your interest and involvement with this process. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or need additional information. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Paul Roelandt Superintendent Cedar Breaks National Monument