

## Agenda Item IX.A.



**Meeting Date:** September 19, 2023

**Department:** Administration

**Topic:** Forest Service Proposal - Recreation Fee Changes

**Board Action:** The Board is receiving a presentation from the Forest Service regarding a proposed fee increase at the Oronoco campground.

**Attachment:**

1. 08212023\_RecFeeProposals\_Glenwood-Pedlar
2. Amherst County\_Recreation Fee\_Briefing Paper

**Summary:** The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests is seeking public comment on proposed fee increases at multiple recreation sites, including adding a new camping fee to Oronoco Campground of \$14 per site. In conjunction with implementing the recreation fee, the Forest Service would make several improvements at the site. The fee increases would bring recreation site fees into better alignment across forest locations and with the prices of other nearby private and public recreation facilities. Forest recreation areas offer unique experiences for forest visitors that boost local economies and are not meant to compete with or undercut private businesses. Revenues from increased fees would help improve and maintain Forest Service recreation sites for years to come.

**Recommended Motion:** None - The Board may express comments or concerns to the Forest Service regarding the proposed fee change.

**Comprehensive Plan Impact:** This topic is not addressed in the Comprehensive Plan.