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Dear Recreation Residence Permit Holder:

On October 11, 2000, the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 2000 (CUFFA) was enacted into law. The CUFFA directed the Forest Service to:

- Inventory improvements located at recreation residence permit areas and list whether the Forest Service, third parties, or cabin owners paid for the improvements.
- Establish an appraisal process to determine market value of the permitted lots, and
- Contract with a professional appraisal organization to develop appraisal guidelines, including performance of the appraisal by a properly qualified appraiser.

To implement these provisions of CUFFA, the Forest Service has developed proposed policy, regulations, and appraisal guidelines. These were published in the Federal Register on May 13, 2003. The purpose of publishing these was to establish administrative procedures for implementing provisions of the act; provide clarity to provisions of the CUFFA that are in general terms or which may be ambiguous; and to assure consistency in the implementation of the CUFFA.

Two Federal Register notices have been published to present this information. The notices are available for your review and comment. They may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/permits>. Copies may also be obtained by contacting Pat Beeks, Forest Supervisor's Office, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, P.O. Box 907, Baker City, Oregon or by calling Pat Beeks at (541) 523-1218.

You are encouraged to read these notices and comment on them electronically, by fax, or by hardcopy (paper/mail) during the 90-day comment period. Comments can be submitted as follows:

- electronically by accessing the comment database ww2.srs.fs.fed.us/cuffa/cuffa.html
- **fax at (202) 205-1604**
- in writing via the mail at Forest Service, USDA, **ATTN: Director of Lands, Mail Stop 1104, Washington, DC 20250-1104**

You may find it useful to read the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act (CUFFA) prior to commenting. The CUFFA is available for review at <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/permits>.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Dan Ermovick, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at (541) 5231250.

Sincerely,
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