

**GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

Chapter 41:03:04:05.02 Reserved group picnic shelter fee
Chapter 41:03:04:07.01 Sale of firewood
Chapter 41:03:04:13 Park facility use fees

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 3-4, 2013	Spearfish
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PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Modify 41:03:04:05.02 Reserved group picnic shelter fee; 41:03:04:07.01 Sale of firewood and 41:03:04:13 Park facility use fees.

Requirements and Restrictions:

Requires park users to pay a fee to reserve a group picnic shelter, purchase firewood and use certain facilities in a state park, recreation area and certain lakeside use areas.

Recommended changes:

1. Increase the fee to reserve a picnic shelter by 5.5% to recover the sales tax the department pays on reservation revenue.
41:03:04:05.02. Reserved group picnic shelter fee. The fee for reserving a designated group picnic shelter is ~~\$18.96~~ **20.00** a day payable in advance.
2. Increase the fee to purchase a bundle of firewood by \$1.00
41:03:04:07.01. Sale of firewood. In a state park, state recreation area, or lakeside use area where firewood is sold by the department the price is ~~\$4.00~~ **5.00** a cubic foot.
3. Adjust the fee to use certain park facilities and authorize fees for new services and facilities.
41:03:04:13. Park facility use fees. The fee for the use of the following state park facilities is:
 - (1) Fort Sisseton or Pierson Ranch picnic shelter with kitchenette, \$50 per day;
 - (2) Fort Sisseton south barracks, ~~\$125 per day~~ **300.00 for a period beginning 10:00 am Friday and ending 6:00 pm Sunday;**
 - (3) Fort Sisseton event tent -- on site, \$150 per day (must be rented for a minimum of two consecutive days); off-site, ~~\$750~~ **1,000** per day **plus \$2.00 per mile transport fee for set up over 25 miles.**
 - (4) Fort Sisseton grounds for outdoor wedding, \$125 when park benches are used.**

(5) Lewis and Clark catamaran dry slip storage, \$300 for a period beginning May 1 and ending September 30. For seasonal slip rental beginning on or after July 15, the fee is \$60 plus \$2.00 per day. Temporary slip rental is \$5.00 per day.

(6) Angostura catamaran dry slip storage, \$150 for a period beginning May 1 and ending September 30. For seasonal slip rental beginning on or after July 15, the fee is \$30 plus \$2.00 per day. Temporary slip rental is \$5.00 per day.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Providing campers the opportunity to purchase firewood in the campground is a popular service. We discourage campers from bringing firewood to the parks from outside the area because of the risk of importing the deadly emerald ash bore into South Dakota. Making firewood readily available at the park is the best tool we have to keep ash bores out of the parks. Increasing the cost for a bundle of firewood from \$4.00 to \$5.00 will help cover our cost of preparing firewood and making it available for campers.

Fort Sisseton is an extremely popular venue for special events. These events take considerable staff time, usually on weekends and evenings. The fee adjustments for the use of specific park facilities will help offset the cost of making the Fort Sisseton venue and facilities available. Sailing is a popular activity on both Lewis and Clark Lake and Angostura Reservoir. Giving sailors the opportunity to store their catamarans right on the lake shore is a much appreciated service and encourages park use.

These cost adjustments will generate approximately \$38,000 and will help offset the cost of making firewood available and specialized facilities and services at state park areas.

APPROVE

MODIFY

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NO ACTION