



## Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Seeks Public Input on Potential Entrance Fee Increase

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is proposing a change in its current entrance fees. Beginning in 2015, Great Sand Dunes, one of 131 National Park units that currently charges entrance fees, is authorized to change its fee rates to align with the new National Park Service rate schedule.

The current park entrance fees for Great Sand Dunes have been in effect for 17 years-- since 1997. Great Sand Dunes proposes to phase in the entrance fee increase over two years beginning no earlier than summer 2015. It also proposes new per vehicle and per motorcycle fees.

“Under the proposed entrance fee schedule, single, private, non-commercial vehicles and motorcycles would pay a “flat rate” entrance fee, regardless of the number of passengers,” said Park Superintendent Lisa Carrico. “This is a change from how Great Sand Dunes currently charges fees. At present, each passenger is charged individually. The park would still have a per person fee under the new schedule, but it would apply only to visitors entering the park by means other than private passenger vehicle or motorcycle.”

	Current	Proposed Fees	
		2015	2016
Annual Great Sand Dunes Pass	\$15	\$30	\$40
Per Vehicle (private, non-commercial)	n/a	\$15	\$20
Motorcycle	n/a	\$10	\$15
Per Person	\$3	\$7	\$10

Federal fee collection law allows parks to retain 80 percent of the fees collected for use on projects that directly benefit visitors. The remaining 20 percent is distributed throughout the National Park System. Supported projects would include hiking trail enhancements, printing of publications and visitor guides, and new exhibits in the Visitor Center. Your feedback on the proposed changes is appreciated and will help the park determine how and when a fee increase may be implemented. You can email comments to [grsa\\_feechanges@nps.gov](mailto:grsa_feechanges@nps.gov); mail your comments to Park Superintendent, Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve, 11500 Hwy 150, Mosca, CO 81146; or stop by the park Visitor Center between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm to fill out a visitor comment form.

### Notice of Annual Meeting

*The Annual Membership Meeting For Friends of the Dunes will be 10:00 AM, Saturday, December 13 at the Visitor Center at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. The meeting will include a presentation of the President’s Report by Lucy Adams and a Park Update by Superintendent Lisa Carrico.*

**Members can enjoy a 15% discount from the park book store that day.**

### Missed the Great Sand Dunes Quarter Ceremony?

If you weren’t one of the 3,000 people in attendance for the release of the Great Sand Dunes Quarter or want to relive the experience, you can view the ceremony online. Scott Murrish created a nice video of the ceremony. You can view the video on Scott’s website at [www.US-Photography.com](http://www.US-Photography.com) or on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kRxckoj9wk>

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 Lifetime      \$1000

I'd also like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the following:

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**NEW Friends Members** receive  
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- ⇒ **FRIEND**—Great Sand Dunes pin, triannual newsletter, advanced notices and invitations to special events.
- ⇒ **ASSOCIATE**—Copy of *The Shape of the Wind* by Stephen Trimble.
- ⇒ **FAMILY**—Annual pass to Great Sand Dunes
- ⇒ **PATRON**—All of the above.
- ⇒ **LIFETIME**—All of the above plus a special gift from the Great Sand Dunes bookstore.

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