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## ***Greetings Seasonal Owners: CUFFA Fee Increase Moratorium***

The Forest Service has been reappraising cabins on federal use permits on Chippewa and Superior National Forests. People have seen fees increase from a few hundred dollars a month to five or six thousand. Due to the fact that these cabins have so many restrictions on size, cutting of firewood, even color, and that the permits are going up so much, these cabins are nearly impossible to sell so the — market price is almost zero.

To add insult to injury, Minnesota taxes the land and the building covered by these permits as if the permit holder owned the land.

But there is an effort to push a rider on a federal bill that would at least stop the crazy escalation in the user fees, and everyone who cares about fairness should take a moment to make a phone call. Below is an urgent message from Coalition 2 — a national group that MSRPO has been working with here in Minnesota. Here's how to reach your [congressmen](#) and your [senators](#).

To all FS cabin owners,

### **IMPORTANT ACTION REQUEST:**

We have requested that a fee increase moratorium rider be added to the Forest Service Appropriations bill that the US Senate may vote on within the next week. Your support could make the difference and is needed **NOW!** We have already engaged key Senators in this urgent request and Cabin Coalition 2 leadership will be meeting with those Legislators in DC next week to urge them to add the moratorium rider. You can help us achieve success!

**Please call and/or email your Senators no later than next Monday, September 21, 2009.**

Please inform them that this is a critical time to support a moratorium on cabin fee increases to give Congress time to address the fee problems under CUFFA. Let them know that we have a proposed solution that is a win/win for the US Taxpayer, the Forest Service and cabin owners, too. We need the time provided by a moratorium and a hearing to illustrate how everyone benefits from our proposal. Ask directly for their current support and that they get back to you with a response from their boss.

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enjoy the cabin and every other cabin owner you know. Also, share the message with those local businesses that depend on cabin business, too. Ask them all to call and email your Senators. We need broad support from our cabin network to achieve success.

**DO IT TODAY!**

Geoff Anderson, President, National Forest Homeowners

Pete Bailey, C2 Legislative Contact chair and NFH Director

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Forester', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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