

**From:** Tiffany Jensen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:31 AM  
**To:** Speero Tannous <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Follow-up on USDA Lassen National Forest Invoice

Hi Speero,

I just got off the phone with Emmett Richards from the USDA Lassen National Forest regarding their invoice (attached for reference). Emmett mentioned that their sewer has not been connected for the past three years. This year, they were reconnected, but the Lassen Assembly of God Church Camp has since taken control of them, using their own locks. As a result, the USDA has had to bring in portable toilets due to the camp's occupation of the facilities.

I informed Emmett that I would pass this information along, as there wasn't anything documented in the customer file regarding this issue. Emmett's email is [REDACTED] if you'd like to reach out to him directly.

Please let me know how we should proceed and if there's anything I can do to help ensure this invoice gets paid.

Thanks,

*Tiffany Jensen*

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**From:** Speero Tannous

**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 2:28 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Jim Simon <[REDACTED]>; Danielle Peterson <[REDACTED]>; Pati Nolen <[REDACTED]>; Tiffany Jensen -Tehamartpa <[REDACTED]>

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Good afternoon, Emmett.

Tiffany Jensen reached out to me regarding the Battle Creek Campgrounds in Mineral. I have spoken with you a few times in the past on the phone regarding the issues that you stated to Tiffany. In past conversations I explained that for there to be any wavier of future fees for that property, this required Board of Directors approval. That would entail creating an agenda item for a board meeting, presenting all the evidence, and having the board rule of a decision. I explained that we could help create the agenda item, but we would need all the information you have on the campgrounds for us to move forward. Information needed would be:

Why should the campground no longer pay their sewer fees?

1. Are you cut off from the system temporarily or permanently?
2. Is the Battle Creek Campgrounds open through the summer months?
3. How is your waste removed from the campgrounds?
4. The future of campgrounds and how they intend to operate without the use of restrooms?
5. How the Mt Lassen Church camp is tied into the line and with the repair of the muck pump how the Battle Creek Campground doesn't have their sewage sent to that pumping station?

There will also be a discussion on if the campground is caught using the sewer system and send sewage over to the plant via the pump near the church camp bridge.

Until the board decides, the sewer fees still apply to the Battle Creek Campgrounds. There is no guarantee that the board will side with your request but this is the process that must be completed if fees are to be waived. Please let us know how you decide to move forward.

Thank you



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**From:** Speero Tannous <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024 9:18 AM

**To:** Richards, Emmett - FS, CA <[REDACTED]>

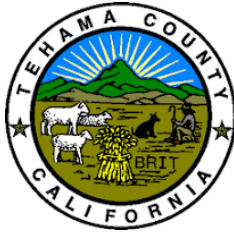
**Cc:** Tiffany Jensen -Tehamartpa <[REDACTED]>; Jim Simon <[REDACTED]>;  
Danielle Peterson <[REDACTED]>

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Good morning, Emmett.

I am following up with the email I sent out on November 14<sup>th</sup> after your conversation with Tiffany Jensen. I have not received a response for the county to proceed with arrangements to assist the campgrounds with their sewer fees. Please respond to this email with your earliest convenience.

Thank you



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**From:** Richards, Emmett - FS, CA <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024 3:36 PM

**To:** Speero Tannous <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Stewart, Travis - FS, CA <[REDACTED]>; Ackley, Janie - FS, CA

<[REDACTED]>

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Hello Speero,

Apologies for the delayed response, I have recently had to take some time off for family reasons. I will answer the questions listed below in the order they were given:

1. The Forest Service should no longer pay sewer fees for Battle Creek Campground because we are no longer using or plan to use the sewer system associated with the campground.
2. The campground sewer system is not currently permanently cutoff.
3. Battle Creek Campground is open through the summer months, typically May to the end of October.
4. For the last three seasons we have utilized port-a-potties instead of the two flush restrooms on site. There is one host site that gravity feeds into the campground grinder station holding tank, we have had that holding tank pumped out by the port-a-potty rental company on an as needed basis.

5. In the future we plan to demolish the two ageing restrooms in the campground and replace them with vault toilets. If this plan changes and the Forest Service decides to repair the current restrooms we will notify Tehema County.
6. Mt. Lassen Church camp was given permission by the Forest Service to repair the sewage lift station located near the Church Camp bridge and utilize it during their operating season. Currently, Mt. Lassen Church Camp is the only party having their sewage sent to that lift station.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any follow-up questions please let me know.



**Emmett Richards**  
**Civil Engineering Technician, Water and Wastewater**  
**Forest Service**

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**From:** Speero Tannous [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024 4:33 PM  
**To:** Richards, Emmett - FS, CA <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Stewart, Travis - FS, CA <[REDACTED]>; Ackley, Janie - FS, CA  
[REDACTED] >; Tiffany Jensen -Tehamartpa [REDACTED] >  
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Emmett.

Thank you for your response. We will look these over and will discuss this with the director and the financial manager. Please understand that no one at this location can make the decision to stop the charges or waive any delinquent fees. After reading your response, this will need to go to the board of directors for sanitation which will require an agenda item. If we go this route, someone from the county may represent your request or you can show up to the meeting and represent the campgrounds. The board will ask questions as they see fit and they will vote on multiple items for your request. One will be to terminate all future sewer fees for the campground, but this will usually be contingent on the removal of the

lateral line that feeds to the pumping station. This is to ensure no use of the line. The second vote will be the delinquent fees if they will need to be paid or if they will waive those fees. The third possible vote will be if the campground decides to reinstall the line and what will happen there as there will be a reconnection charge in the future.

Please let us know if you would like to move forward with creating an agenda item. This typically takes about a week or so to set it up and then we submit the item which needs to be in 13 days prior to the planned meeting. With the holidays upon us, we are looking somewhere around the end of January if we can get that done by the first week January when everyone returns from vacation.

Thank you and Merry Christmas



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**From:** Richards, Emmett - FS, CA <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2024 2:00 PM

**To:** Speero Tannous <[REDACTED]>

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Good afternoon Speero,

Thank you for getting back to me. The Forest Service would like to move forward and create an agenda item for the board of directors for sanitation. It is likely that a county representative will be requested as our office is located in Susanville and I'm not sure of the availability of myself or another Forest Service employee to attend the meeting. I appreciate your help in this matter and look forward to working with you and your board of directors to get this issue resolved.

Thanks again and Merry Christmas to you,



**Emmett Richards**  
**Civil Engineering Technician, Water and Wastewater**  
**Forest Service**

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