

Resolution **opposing** the proposed
Recreation fees for the
Shawnee National Forest by the
United States Forest Service

WHEREAS, the lower southern Illinois are the most economically depressed in the state;
and

WHEREAS, the lower counties in southern Illinois depend on tourism as a major source
of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the forests were created for free public use and that undue hardship on
individuals would occur; and

WHEREAS, hikers, equestrians, repellers, spelunkers, and hunters pay federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fees are higher than neighboring National Forests and
Recreation Areas; and

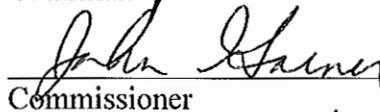
WHEREAS, the *Forest Service* is using questionable practices in forest management; and

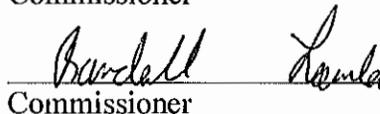
WHEREAS, the *Forest Service's* interpretation of the guidelines for the proposed
Recreation Fees are unclear and lack continuity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Union County Commissioners
is **opposed** to the passage of the proposed Recreation Fees by the United State Forest
Service for the Shawnee National Forest.

April 7, 2008
Date


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner