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## Proposal to Increase Fees at Four BLM Recreation Sites in the Yakima River Canyon

Recreation site use fees will go into effect May 15-September 15, 2008 at Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza recreation sites in the Yakima River Canyon. **This year, BLM is proposing to increase the fee charged for overnight use to \$15.00 per night.** This Overnight Expanded Amenity fee (Overnight fee) will be good until check out time at 11:00 a.m. the following day and covers two vehicles and/or one site. At checkout time, visitors may use the Overnight fee receipt to cover day use at any of the four BLM sites for the rest of that day. BLM is increasing the overnight fee to help cover increased maintenance, law enforcement and administrative costs, and to be more competitive with other local private and state camp areas.

BLM will also continue to charge a *\$5.00 per vehicle Daily Standard Amenity Fee* (Daily fee) at the four recreation sites. The Daily fee will cover approved activities at Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza, including parking, boat launching, raft put in and take out, picnicking and other day use activities at each area. Paying a Daily fee at one of the BLM recreation sites allows a visitor to use all four BLM Yakima River Canyon charge sites for the day use hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m., users must leave the BLM sites or pay the overnight fee. Any day user who has already paid their day use fee will only need to pay an additional \$10 to purchase the overnight use fee.

Overnight and Daily fees can be paid through fee envelopes at the self-pay station at each site. A **\$25 per vehicle Seasonal Daily Use Permit** can also be purchased to allow frequent visitors to save money and have the convenience of one pass to use all season long for their day use activities. The Seasonal Daily Use permits are only useable for day use hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Seasonal Daily Use permits can be purchased at the BLM Wenatchee office, 915 N. Walla Walla Avenue in Wenatchee; the Chambers of Commerce in Ellensburg and Yakima and Red's Fly Shop in Ellensburg.

Site use fees are charged from May 15 through September 15 each year. The rest of the year, there is no charge for using BLM facilities in the Yakima River Canyon. Money collected from sales of the Overnight, Daily and Seasonal Use Permits helps to fund garbage collection, facility cleaning, additional law enforcement, seasonal workers, future site improvements, and administrative costs at the four BLM sites.

For further information or to comment about site use fees in the Yakima River Canyon, contact the BLM Wenatchee office, 915 N. Walla Walla Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington, 98801 or call (509) 665-2100.

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