

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ20 HASSAYAMPA FIELD OFFICE SRPs

STATE: AZ

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DESCRIPTION:

The Hassayampa Field Office (HFO) and Agua Fria National Monument (AFNM) issue a wide variety of recreation permits for commercial guides or outfitters, competitive and/or fundraising events, organized club or group outings and vending operations. Permits include guided *Hummer*, jeep, All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and/or Utility Vehicle (UTV) tours; competitive OHV speed races for trucks, buggies, ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, and kid's races; American Motorcycle Association (AMA) sanctioned or organized club competitive motorcycle enduros; club rock crawling or ATV events; club jeep events; off-highway vehicle (OHV) manufacturer demo events; OHV training workshops; dude ranch activities including OHV tours, horse rides and cattle drives; guided hunting; nationally sanctioned or club competitive equestrian endurance rides or trails skills events; equestrian club rides; recreational mining club outings; gold panning tours; club or school orienteering events; organized handcart reenactments; boy scout jamborees; and photography, food and other vending operations. During FY09, 39 permits were authorized for HFO and 4 for AFNM.

The following image illustrates a typical trail riding event:



FEE SCHEDULE:

Fees for the SRP program are established at the national level by the BLM Director. Other fees associated with permits may be used in addition to use fees. However, no application fees have been established for the Field Office; nor have fees been assessed for assigned sites or exclusive use. Effective April 1, 2008, the minimum commercial, competitive and organized group use fees were adjusted based on the Gross National Product Implicit Price Deflator Index in accordance with the automatic three-year fee adjustment policy published on October 19, 1989 (see WO IM No. 2008-106).

- The minimum annual commercial and/or competitive fee was \$95.

- The competitive event and organized group fee was \$5 per person per day.

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY09:

Visitor Services and Interpretation:

15% of fees were used for cost of collection expenses associated with processing post use reports and fee billings and 8% of fees for administration/program oversight. Fees were used to purchase directional and informative signs for both Sophie's Flat Trailhead and the Boulders Recreation Area.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement:

The finishing touches were added to Sophie's Flat Trailhead including building hitch rails. Recreation fee funds were used to purchase pipe to fix the pipe rail fencing, dust suppressant/soil stabilizer was added when and where needed at trailheads and on popular trails, and cleaning of the restroom facility at The Boulders Recreation Area.

Law Enforcement – Public Use and Recreation:

Recreation fees were used to provide law enforcement for the special events and to maintain the two law enforcement motorcycles used to monitor motorcycle events on single track trails.

Resource Protection

Recreation fees were used for volunteer reimbursements and a contract task order for permit monitoring and miscellaneous supplies relating to monitoring.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY10:

- Maintain cost of collection and administration/program oversight expenses not to exceed 25% of receipts.
- Install informational and directional signing for trailhead and staging areas, and map boxes for kiosks.
- Provide for restroom construction-related expenses for Sophie's Flat Trailhead (carryover funds).
- Apply dust suppressant/soil stabilizer for trailheads/parking areas where needed.
- Provide law enforcement monitoring and motorcycle maintenance/repairs.
- Provide volunteer reimbursements for permit monitoring and miscellaneous supplies.