

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ17 KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL
RECREATION PERMITS

STATE: AZ

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AREA DESCRIPTION:

This fee project provides for the issuance and administration of Special Recreation Permits (SRP) on a discretionary basis to manage use of public lands for recreational commercial and/or competitive activities, and organized groups in northwestern Arizona. Activities conducted with SRP authorization in the Kingman Field Office often cater to non-resident U.S. citizens and international visitors who rely on the expertise of local guides, promoters and outfitters to help them achieve the most satisfaction from their visits to public lands. Authorizations were given to hunting outfitters, All-Terrain-Vehicle tour guides, and poker run promoters.

FEE SCHEDULE:

The SRP fee schedule for commercial, competitive, and organized group event activities is established nationally for all BLM field offices. Fee receipts derived from SRPs are routinely calculated using national fee schedule guidance found in BLM Recreation Permit Administration Manual H-2930-1, Section III.G. SRP fees are determined at the BLM Washington Office level. Currently the fees are \$95, at a minimum.

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY09:

Visitor Services, Interpretation:

Kingman Field Office managed 12 commercial and one competitive SRP in FY09. Fee revenues expended were used only for interpretative materials. Federal appropriations provided fund to support management activities including collecting fees on a timely basis, assuring that adequate insurance was in place, providing terms and conditions for use, distributing interpretive materials (i.e. Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly!, desert tortoise protection guidelines), collecting post-use data, and conducting compliance checks in the field to confirm that all requirements of the permit were adhered to.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY10:

The Kingman Field Office SRP program will continue to process applications as needed in FY10. It is anticipated that the number of permits administered will be similar to past years. The very limited

amount of fee revenues received from this program precludes undertaking much in the way of major projects. We expect to use a percentage of fee revenues to purchase brochures and other interpretive materials (i.e. Leave No Trace/Tread Lightly!) to distribute to SRP participants and clients to promote ethical, lawful and responsible behavior on public lands. Public benefits would include a chance to learn new outdoor skills, an increase in appreciation of nature, and an awareness of man's relationship with the land.