

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY
FY2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ07 LAKE HAVASU RECREATION SITES AMENITY FEE PROGRAM		STATE: AZ
Fee Project Contact: Myron McCoy		Phone: 928-505-1216
Email: myron_mccoy@blm.gov		

DESCRIPTION:

The BLM Lake Havasu Field Office (LHFO) oversees more than 140 miles of the lower Colorado River, including 20-miles of Lake Havasu shoreline. Ten million annual visitors are attracted to the area primarily for the world class water-based recreation opportunities. Camping, hiking, wildlife-watching, vacation resort, and OHV activities are also major parts of the Lake Havasu Recreation Program which is supported through amenity fees.

The BLM manages 87 designated campsites dispersed along 20 miles of Arizona shoreline on Lake Havasu. The sites are accessible for use and maintenance only by boat and have become increasingly popular since 1997. The each site's amenities include restrooms, barbecue grills, picnic tables, stanchions for tying up boats and watercraft, shade awnings, litter and trash removal, and beaches. Based on each location, retaining walls, pathways, steps and hand rails are installed. Each site has different terrain, vistas, beaches, trails, and shoreline access, including connection to other campsites.

LHFO also manages two boat and watercraft launch facilities, one on the lake the other on the Colorado River below Parker Dam. The Take Off Point launch is on the south end of Lake Havasu near Parker Dam, and is free to the public providing a double ramp, vehicle/trailer parking areas, restrooms, an adjacent shoreline fishing area/dock, accessible fishing pier and picnic area.

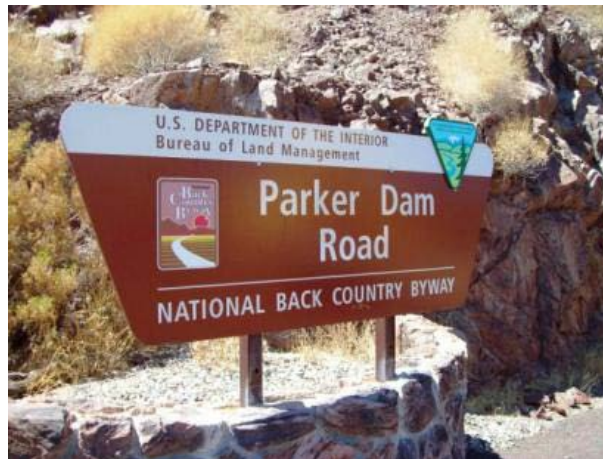
In addition, the BLM Lake Havasu Field Office manages a free public fishing access area and two concession resorts along the shoreline of Lake Havasu. Below Lake Havasu and Parker Dam, the Colorado River creates a historic channel called the Parker Strip. The Parker Strip has become a river recreation magnet for the summer months and snowbird destination due to the mild winter weather evolving into a year-round recreation area. Water based recreation along the 11-mile stretch is the key attraction. The slow moving waterway is ideal for skiing, boating, fishing and all types of water sports. As on the Lake to the north, recreation use can be intense. In the winter, many recreational vehicle (RV) sites are full for months at a time, rather than just weekends. Within the Parker Strip Recreation Area, you'll find:

- 10 Concession Resorts with RV & tent camping, vacation mobile homes, convenience stores, marinas, restaurants, overnight rooms, boat storage and fuel
- Bullfrog Day Use Area
- Crossroads Campground
- Empire Landing Campground
- Parker Dam Road National Back Country Byway
- The Copper Basin Dunes and Crossroads OHV Open Areas

- Rockhouse Information Center and Boat Launch

The Rockhouse Boat Launch in the Parker Strip is on the California side of the Colorado River, below Parker Dam and free to the public. The facility provides a double ramp, ample parking, visitor information center, restrooms, a walking path along the river shoreline and volunteer hosts.

The Lake Havasu Field Office's Recreation Amenity Fee Site Program also includes the sale and management of the America the Beautiful Interagency Passes and a regional pass called the BLM Annual Recreation Pass, Lake Havasu Field Office.



SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY11:

Visitor Services, Interpretation:

New facility signs were purchased for many of the developed sites like the Parker Dam Road Back Country Byway using recreation fee revenues.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement:

Using fee revenues, the LHFO began improvements at Wren Cove and Larned Landing for ADA accessibility. Improvements to the sites included shade ramadas, a tent pad, picnic table pad, and concrete walkway. Recreation revenues were also used for the maintenance of amenity fee sites, including trash collection and cleaning.

Law Enforcement – Public Use and Recreation:

Much of the fee revenues are used to maintain the condition of the Lake Havasu shoreline patrol vessels, consisting of two powerboats and two personal watercraft, all which are clearly marked as official BLM vessels, used by BLM Park Rangers and by the LHFO maintenance crew.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY11:

In FY11, ADA-accessibility to Wren Cove and Larned Landing is scheduled to be completed. Recreation fee revenues will be used for the continued maintenance of amenity fee sites at LHFO, including trash collection and cleaning. Funds will also be used to upkeep the condition of the Lake Havasu shoreline patrol.