

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<b>NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ23 LAKE HAVASU FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS</b>		<b>STATE: AZ</b>
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### DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES INCLUDED IN THIS FEE PROJECT:

The fee project consists of the authorization and administration of Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) for commercial, organized and/or competitive use and activities on public lands and waters of Lake Havasu and the Colorado River. Recreation activities managed under SRPs in the Lake Havasu Field Office have varied greatly over the years, including:

- The Parker 250 and 425 Desert Race events
- 4 Individual OHV poker runs, including one in California, totaling 700-800 participants
- A guest ranch designed for the physically disabled using trails adjacent to their private property
- An equestrian event for a Blythe, California equestrian group with over 200 horses and riders
- IJSBA World Championship Personal Watercraft Races and the Desert Storm lake races (in cooperation with U.S. Coast Guard)
- 4 lake vending permits on Lake Havasu
- 6 Hunting Outfitter guides (in cooperation with the Kingman Field Office and the Arizona Game & Fish Dept)

### FEE SCHEDULE:

The SRP fee schedule for commercial activities is established nationally for all BLM field offices. Fee receipts derived from recreational commercial, competitive, and organized group event SRPs are routinely calculated using national fee schedule guidance found in BLM Recreation Permit Administration Manual H-2930-1, Section III.G., as established by 43 CFR 2930. As of March 2008, the SRP fee schedule is the following:

- Commercial permits are the maximum of \$95 or 3% of the gross revenue.
- Competitive permits are the maximum of \$95, 3% of gross revenue or \$5 per participant/day.
- Organized-group use is \$5 per person per day or \$95, whichever is greater.

### SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY10:

In FY10, the LHFO experienced significant growth in SRP applications and permits. This year, 17 permits were issued, compared to 12 the prior year. SRP issuance will likely continue to rise in future

years. LHFO managed 11 commercial/organized permits, 2 commercial competitive events, and 4 lake vending SRPs. This year was the first year the LHFO permitted lake vendors.

**Visitor Services, Interpretation:**

Fee revenues supported management actions, such as collecting fees, administration of the permit requirements, establishing resource protection stipulations, distributing public information and environmental education materials (i.e. Tread Lightly!, OHV and desert safety information), and collecting post-use reports.

**Law Enforcement – Public Use and Recreation:**

Recreation fee revenues contributed to the funding of compliance monitoring of SRP permittees by law enforcement.

**PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY11:**

In FY11, recreation fee revenues will be used for the procurement of brochures and other educational and interpretive materials (i.e. Leave No Trace/Tread Lightly!) for the public and SRP participants. These materials encourage the public’s awareness in ethical, lawful treatment of, and appreciation and respect for our public lands. As in past years, fee revenue will be used also be used to cover labor costs for monitoring of SRP activities.

