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BLM Arizona Resource Advisory Council to Meet in Phoenix and Hear Recreation Fee Proposals

PHOENIX, Ariz. - The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet in Phoenix on June 8, 2007. Established in 1995, the statewide citizen-based council provides advice to the BLM on land management programs and issues affecting public lands in Arizona. In addition, the RAC has been authorized to review and provide advice on all recreation fee proposals for the BLM and U.S. Forest Service (FS) recreation sites in Arizona, as required by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. The RAC will hear fee proposals for two FS recreation fee sites in Arizona. The public is invited to attend and provide comments to the RAC on the BLM management programs at 11:30 a.m., and the recreation fee proposals at 2:30 p.m.

The business meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the BLM National Training Center located at 9828 North 31st Avenue in Phoenix. Highlights of the morning agenda include: presentations on the proposed Mohave Valley Shooting Range, and Arizona water rights. In addition, the RAC will receive reports on Land Use Planning, Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Administration, Recreation and Tourism, and Wild Horse and Burro Program. A public comment period on these general BLM issues will be at 11:30 a.m.

The afternoon agenda will include business covering the Federal Lands Enhancement Act and the Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC). The RRAC will be briefed by FS staff on two recreation fee site proposals, including:

Alto Pit OHV Use Area (Prescott National Forest) Ten minutes from downtown Prescott, and 2 hours from Phoenix and Flagstaff, this fee proposal would add a campground fee at a rate of \$10 per night per campsite for single sites and \$20 per night for a double site. Improvements include 10 single family sites and one double family site, three toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, loading and unloading area, 9 miles of internal designated trail system, additional external connection trails, 20 acres of designated cross county area, children's OHV play area, and year-round on site host.

Haigler Canyon Area (Tonto National Forest) Proposed \$6 per vehicle fee for overnight camping and day-use at Haigler Canyon Recreation Site near Young, Arizona. Major improvements will increase facilities and services available to the public. Fee revenues will be used for the continued operation and maintenance. A quality, water-based recreational experience will be provided for day-users, campers, hikers, and anglers. The site will include developed campsites and day-use areas plus space for campground hosts. Fourteen campsites will be provided with a picnic table, fire ring with cooking surface, and a tent pad. Campsites will offer hardened sites for tent trailers and tents. Walk-in campsites will be part of developed

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campsites. Day-use facilities will provide parking for 10 - 15 vehicles, picnic tables, and barbecue grills.

A comment period on the FS proposals will be open to the public at 2:30 p.m. in the BLM office.

Following is a list of the RAC members, the category they represent and their residence.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Term</u>
Thomas Kelly	Commodity/Grazing	Wickenburg	9/2009
Lee Aitken	Commodity/Transportation/ROW	Tucson	9/2007
Vacant	Commodity/Off-Road Vehicle Use		9/2009
Carolyn Loder	Commodity/Energy/Minerals	Tempe	9/2007
Steve Saway	Commodity/Off-Road Vehicle Use	Sierra Vista	9/2008
Jason Williams	Non-Commodity/Environmental	Prescott	9/2007
Jan Holder	Non-Commodity/Dispersed Recreation	Tucson	9/2007
Tina Clark	Non-Commodity/Historical/Archaeology	Yuma	9/2009
Glendon Collins	Non-Commodity/Dispersed Recreation	Phoenix	9/2008
<i>Frances Werner</i>	Non-Commodity/Dispersed Recreation	Tucson	9/2008
Linda Kennedy	Local Area/Academician	Elgin	9/2009
Norman Perry	Local Area/Public-At-Large	Mayer	9/2009
Jay Adkins	Local Area/Public-At-Large	Goodyear	9/2007
Richard Lunt	Local Area/Elected Official	Duncan	9/2008
Larry Howery	Local Area/Academia	Tucson	9/2008

RAC Chair

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