

**Colorado RRAC: Attachment B  
US Forest Service - Region 2  
BLM - Colorado  
Recreation Fee Proposals  
Summary of Public Involvement**

Date: April 30, 2009

Unit: BLM Royal Gorge Field Office

Proposal: New Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Change X

**Summary of Fee Proposals:**

(for multi-fee structure, replace with other graphic if needed)

Site/Service	Current Price	Proposed Price
Shelf Road Recreation Area Campgrounds: Sand Gulch & The Bank	\$4.00 per night (standard campsite) \$8.00 per night (group campsite)	\$7.00 per night (standard campsite) \$14.00 per night (group campsite)

**Public Participation (List of Potential) Activities:**

Public Participation Tasks	Date(s)
Posted notice at (Unit Location) inviting comments on fee proposal.	Posted on BLM RGFO Website.
Posted notice at Shelf Road Recreation Area inviting comments on fee proposal.	5/23/2009 Notices posted at The Bank Campground kiosk and bulletin board, Sand Gulch Campground kiosk and bulletin board, and Cactus Cliffs kiosk in Shelf Road Recreation Area.
Published press releases announcing fee proposal in Colorado Springs Gazette.	6/22/2009 news release sent to approximately 30 media sources including radio and newspapers. Was not able to track the smaller newspapers to verify if the release was published. 6/01/09 published in the Colorado Springs gazette.
Article published in the (Newspaper, etc) explaining benefits of fee revenues.	Benefits explained in press releases listed above.
Internal memo sent out to RGFO employees announcing proposed fee changes.	6/22/2009
Posted information on fee proposal on RGFO web site.	5/22/2009 posted on Recreation page.
Posted Federal Register notice of proposed new	n/a

fees (if appropriate) as per REA, Sec. 4 (b).	
Letter sent to residents near the (Fee Area) announcing proposed new fee.	n/a
Briefed local Congressional Staff on fee proposal. Included Senators (List) offices and Congressional Representative (List) offices.	none
Briefed local County commissioners on fee proposal.	5/22/2009 Fremont County Commissioners
Personal contacts were made with (List) interested individuals/organizations about the fee proposal.	-Gold Belt Tour Scenic and Historic Byway Association -Rocky Mountain Field Institute -Front Range Resource Advisory Council
E-mails were sent to permitted individuals and organizations about the fee proposal.	5/22/2009 Front Range RAC members 6/22/2009 Permitted groups - City Wild, Colorado Rocky Mountain School, Colorado State University- Pueblo, Kent Mountain Adventure, Outpost Wilderness, Rocky Mountain Backcountry Horsemen

**Public Participation Results (include # of responses/category):**

Method of Communication	Summary of Comments- as of 8/25/2009
Posted On-site Notices - (Sand Gulch Cmpgrd)	Unknown
Posted on-site notices - (The Bank Cmpgrd)	Unknown
Press Releases & News Story of User Benefits	Unknown
<p><b>BLM Web Site Posting</b></p> <p><b>Total= 36</b></p>	<p>05/30/09 "For one, the costs, according to you, have increased by 25%. Therefore, camping fees should increase accordingly, going up 25%. I am willing to pay \$6 a night, but not \$10 to camp here. I hope you do not overlook the involvement of the Access Fund and how much climber's have given to the area when you consider your fee increase."</p> <p>06/02/09 "Shelf Road is a nice place in part because it is not very developed. Let's keep it that way! I do not want any improvements, and I resent being asked to pay increasing amounts every year to visit my public lands."</p> <p>06/12/09 "Having read the survey, it is clear that in part the fee increase is proposed partially based on the justification that most climbers can afford it? This is a terrible excuse for raising fees, regardless of if it is true or not. Rationalizing the fleecing of the user group by saying that they can afford it is not all that reasonable at all. Furthermore, I don't think the justification is accurate. About 1/2 of the climbers I know are relatively poor."</p> <p>06/18/09 "We are a part of New Horizons Ministries here in Canon City and of course we do try to find ways of "getting away" and enjoying family time at inexpensive camping spots/places and Sand Gulch was one of them. We would appreciate if the camping fees would be able to stay the same, especially considering the "primitiveness" of the campground - along with no trash cans, etc. but that of course is our opinion."</p>
Federal Register Notice	n/a
Letters to Neighbors	n/a
Congressional Staff Briefing	n/a

<b>County Commissioners Briefing</b>	none
<b>General Customer Contact Feedback</b>	<p>Front Range Resource Advisory Council- proposal was presented to this organization, and a formal resolution was passed supporting the fee increase.</p> <p>Rocky Mountain Field Institute - proposal was discussed during a coordination meeting. RMFI gave a verbal response in support of the fee increase.</p> <p>Gold Belt National Scenic Byway Association- proposal was presented to this organization, and a formal resolution was passed supporting the fee increase.</p>
<b>E-mail Responses from permitted groups Total= 2</b>	<p>06/24/2009 "I support the fee increases for camping at the bank, and Sand Creek."</p> <p>6/25/2009 "These proposed fee increases sound reasonable to me."</p>