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Fee Season Begins at Yakima River Canyon Recreation Sites Effective May 15, 2011

Spokane, Wash. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will begin charging fees at Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza recreation sites on Sunday, May 15, 2011. Site use fees are charged from May 15 through September 15. During the remainder of the year, there is no charge for use of BLM facilities in the Yakima River Canyon.

Fees charged at the four recreation sites include a **\$15 per site overnight fee**, which covers one campsite with two vehicles and a maximum of 10 visitors. The overnight permit is valid for the campsite until check out time at 11:00 a.m. on the following day and for day use at **any** of the four BLM sites until 10:00 p.m. of that day. A separate daily use permit is not required.

The BLM will charge a **\$5 per vehicle daily fee** at these four recreation sites. The daily fee will cover day-use activities at Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza, including parking, boat launching, use of raft put-in and take-out points, picnicking, and other day use activities. Paying a daily fee at one of the BLM recreation sites allows a visitor to use all four BLM Yakima River Canyon fee sites for day use from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Overnight and daily fees can be paid at the self-pay station at each site.

Frequent visitors can save money and have the convenience of one pass to use all season long for their day use activities by purchasing a **seasonal daily use permit for \$25 per vehicle**. Seasonal use permits are valid daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. These permits can be purchased at the BLM Wenatchee Field Office located at 915 North Walla Walla Avenue in Wenatchee; the Chamber of Commerce Offices located in Ellensburg and Yakima; and at Red's Fly Shop in Ellensburg. The seasonal daily use permit is not valid for overnight camping; you must purchase a separate overnight camping permit.

Fees collected from sales of the overnight, daily, and seasonal daily use permits fund site maintenance work and administration, future site improvements, and additional law enforcement patrols at these four BLM recreation sites.

For further information, please contact the BLM Wenatchee Field Office at 915 North Walla Walla Avenue, Wenatchee, Washington 98801 or call (509) 665-2100.

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About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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