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Fee Season at Yakima River Canyon Begins May 15

Spokane, Wash. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will begin charging fees at Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza Recreation Sites on Thursday, May 15. Site use fees are charged from May 15 through September 15. 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 will be good until check out time (11:00 a.m.) the following day. This fee covers one campsite with two vehicles and a maximum of 10 campers. After checkout time, visitors may continue to use the overnight fee receipt to cover day use at any of the four BLM sites until 10:00 p.m. of that day.

Day-use fees of \$5 per-vehicle are charged at Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza. The day-use fees covers parking, boat launching, use of raft put-in and take-out points, picnicking and other day use activities. Paying the 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 also valid daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and these permits can be purchased at the BLM Wenatchee 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.

Fees collected from sales of the overnight, daily and seasonal daily use permits provide funds for site maintenance work and administration, future site improvements, and additional law enforcement patrols at these four BLM recreation sites. For further information call (509) 665-2100, or visit us online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/recreation/index.php>

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