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COLORADO NORTHWEST RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2008-01

Resolution in Support of the Grand Junction Field Office FY 2008 Fee Proposals

Whereas: The North Fruita Desert Campground serves largely the mountain bike community and provides a unique experience of being able to camp and access world class mountain bike trails that connect into the campground.

Whereas: The North Fruita Desert Campground costs the BLM approximately \$21,500 to maintain on an annual basis.

Whereas: The ability of the BLM to charge fees for campground use is equitable as those who benefit from the camping experience are paying for unique services not offered in any other camping opportunities available in the Grand Valley. No other campground provides similar access to such a dedicated mountain bike trail system.

Whereas: The Mud Springs Campground also offers a unique camping experience for BLM campers as it is the only BLM campground for the GJFO located within a mature aspen grove on Glade Park (at an elevation of 8,000 feet), has group use areas as well as picnic sites, and provides potable water to users.

Whereas: Total receipts at the existing \$5 use fee for 2007 were \$2,460 and total costs to operate the unit were over \$5,300.

Whereas: The GJFO's Recreation Facilities Maintenance budget for all recreational facilities (trailheads, restrooms, kiosks, trails, signs, etc.) is approximately \$50,000. 54% of the facilities budget is directed to service these two sites.

Whereas: Both the North Fruita Desert and Mud Springs Campgrounds need additional facility maintenance and improvements for visitors. Charging a fair fee for fair value is appropriate to supplement annual maintenance costs and have those users that benefit from the facilities support more fully their operation.

Therefore be it Resolved that the Northwest Resource Advisory Council supports the Grand Junction Field Office's fee proposals to charge \$10 per night at the North Fruita Desert Campground and increase the Mud Springs Campground fee to \$10 per night. Passed, approved and adopted May 22, 2008.

Received by Designated Federal Officer
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