UPPER COLORADO RIVER
Fee Adjustment Proposal

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River Background & History

- Designated SRMA in 1984 RMP (river-related)
- 60,000 people per year
- 55 commercial outfitters
- 60%-70% commercial use
- Current fee program initiated in 1998 (Recreation Fee Demonstration Program)
Colorado River Fee Site - Pumphouse

- 18 individual and two group campsites (picnic tables, fire rings, and tent pads)
- Five boat ramps
- Public water system
- 12 vault toilets
- Three information kiosks
- Two gravel parking lots
- Trash collection
Colorado River Fee Site-Radium

- Six individual and two group campsites (picnic tables, fire rings, and tent pads)
- One boat ramp (future boat ramps)
- Two information kiosks
- Five vault toilets
- Gravel parking lot
- Trash collection
## Current Fees at Pumphouse and Radium

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<td><strong>Camping</strong></td>
<td><strong>$10 per individual site (Pumphouse)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$6 per individual site (Radium)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$30 per group site (Pumphouse and Radium)</strong></td>
<td><em>Camping fee includes day-use fee for one vehicle</em></td>
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<td>*Any additional vehicles must pay day-use fee</td>
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| **Day-Use**    | **$3 per vehicle per day**             |                                                   |
|                | **$1 per person per day - commercial** |                                                   |

| **Season Pass**| **$15- purchased at the BLM office in Kremmling** | Only covers day-use fees for one vehicle |
|                |                                                   |                                                   |
Visitor Demographics

- Private, non-commercial visitors
  - Two- three hour radius
  - Majority from Front Range
  - Day trip or multi-day trip

- Commercial visitors
  - 55 outfitters
  - Staying at resort communities
  - Majority ½ or full-day day rafting trips or float and wade fishing trips
Recreation Use

Upper Colorado User Days 2000-2009

- Commercial User Days
- Private User Days
Recreation Use

Upper Colorado User Days

- Commercial Fishing
- Private Fishing
- Private Rafting/Kayaking
- Commercial Rafting

The bar chart shows the number of user days for different activities on the Upper Colorado River. Commercial Rafting has the highest number of user days, followed by Private Rafting/Kayaking and Commercial Fishing. Private Fishing has the lowest number of user days.
Financial Analysis

Annual Costs:

Payroll:
- Seasonal Employee: $18,000
- Seasonal Employee: $10,000
- Recreation Assistant: $28,000
- Front Desk: $10,000
- 15% Admin/Overhead: $18,250
- Law Enforcement: $38,000

Maintenance:
- Road Maintenance: $7,500
- Toilet Pumping: $6,500
- Supplies/Services: $11,000
- Utilities: $7,500
- Vehicles: $15,000
- Facility Repair/maintenance: $15,000

Total Annual Expenses: $184,750
## Financial Analysis

### Annual Revenue:

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**Total Annual Income:** $164,249
## Financial Analysis

### Future Development Costs:

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<th>Cost (USD)</th>
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<td>Pumphouse Launch #3 Rebuild</td>
<td>$21,000</td>
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<td>Pumphouse Parking Lot Improvements</td>
<td>$36,000</td>
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<td>Pumphouse Parking for Group Camp Sites</td>
<td>$17,000</td>
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<td>New storage facility at Pumphouse</td>
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<td>Improve Pumphouse access road (new gravel, grading, mag chloride)</td>
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<td>Update and publish a new river guide</td>
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**Total Capital Expenses: $299,000**
Fair Market Value Assessment

- **Dillon Ranger District (White River NF)**
  - Cataract Lake Trailhead (day use) $5/vehicle
  - Green Mtn. Reservoir Campground $5-$10/site
  - Dillon Reservoir Campground $10-$22/site

- **Sulphur Ranger District (Arapahoe/Roosevelt NF)**
  - Arapahoe National Rec Area day use $5/vehicle
  - Annual Pass for day use $30/vehicle
  - Walk-in or bike-in day use $2/person
  - Campground (concessionaire operated) $16-$21/site

- **Yampa Ranger District (Medicine Bow/Routt NF)**
  - Campgrounds $10/site
  - Designated dispersed campsites $5/site
Rationale for Fee Change
- Two changes to Fees -

- Change classification of day use fees from *expanded amenity fee* to *standard amenity fee*
  - Standard amenity will allow day-use fees to cover
    - American the Beautiful Annual (no day use fee, full camping fee)
    - Volunteer Interagency (no day use fee, full camping fee)
    - Senior (no day use fee, ½ camping fee)
    - Access (no day use fee, ½ camping fee)
  - Expanded amenity
    - Annual & Volunteer (pay full day use & camping fee)
    - Senior & Access (pay 1/2 day use fee & full camping fee)
Rationale for Fee Change

-Two changes to Fees-

- Increase day-use fees
  - Private Users
    - Increase from $3 per vehicle to $5 per vehicle per day
  - Commercial Users
    - Increase from $1 per person to $1.25 per person per day
  - Season Pass
    - Increase from $15 to $20
## Financial Analysis

### New Annual Revenue:

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**Annual Income:** $164,249  
**Additional Annual Income:** $58,293  
**Total Annual Income:** $222,542
How Increased Fees will be Used

- Old Annual Income $164,249
- Annual Expenses $184,750
- New Annual Income $222,542
- $20,000 for Annual Expenses and $38,000 Capital Expenses
  - Increased annual road repair
  - New storage facility
  - New Colorado River guide
  - Management of additional public access along river
    - Eagle County is trying to purchase State Bridge Launch/Take Out
    - BLM Kremmling will manage this public access for Eagle County if the sale goes through
Social/Economic Impacts

- Arizona State University Visitor Study (2007)
  - Day use visitors to UCR- SRMA- $163/ day
  - $2 increase = less than 2% increase
  - Compared to other government fee sites, still less
Visitor Feedback Mechanisms

• Visitor Feedback Opportunities
  • On-site visitor contacts
  • Webmail
  • Fee envelopes

• Reports
  • Triennial report to Congress
    • Accomplishments for fee sites
  • Annual Fee Revenue and Expenditures
    • Posted on-site at Pumphouse and Radium
Public Participation

- Solicit Public Comment from
  - Media (Denver, Fort Collins, Grand Junction, Grand County, Eagle County, Summit County, and Routt County)
  - Outfitters (KFO and CRVFO)
  - Other interested groups (e.g., Trout Unlimited, State Parks, CROA, American Whitewater, etc.)
  - BLM KFO web site
  - Mountain Buzz
  - Presentation to Grand County Commissioners
  - Presentation to Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council
Questions/Comments?