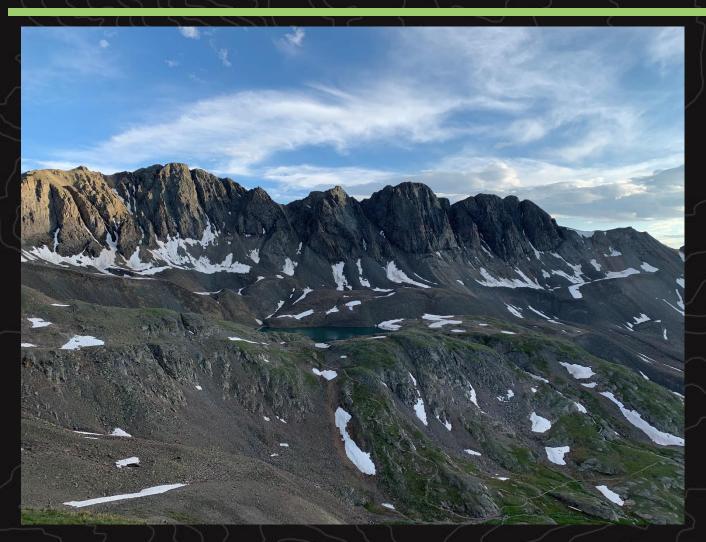


BLM Gunnison Field Office Business Plan for Campground Fee Increase



Jim Lovelace
Supervisory Outdoor
Recreation Planner
BLM – Gunnison Field Office

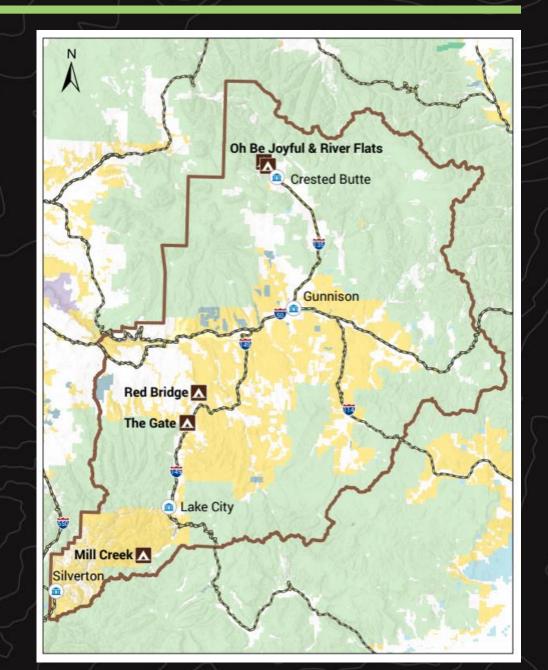


Public Outreach for the Business Plan:

- Plan posted to <u>www.blm.gov</u> with comments accepted for 30 days beginning 8/22/23
- News Release in local newspapers
- Flyers posted on site in each of the campgrounds directing interested parties to the plan.
- No public comments received.

Four Campgrounds Recommended for Fee Increase:

- Oh Be Joyful (Including River Flats): new nightly fee of \$20
- Red Bridge: new nightly fee of \$10
- The Gate: new nightly fee of \$10
- Mill Creek: new nightly fee of \$20



Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) 2004

- Authorizes charging fees for the use of certain facilities and services, including day use sites and campgrounds. Fees are collected through fee envelopes or e-commerce (recreation.gov).
- Expanded Amenity Recreation Fees cover specialized outdoor recreation sites and services including but not limited to developed campgrounds with at least a majority of the following amenities: (1) tent or trailer spaces, (2) picnic tables, (3) drinking water, (4) access roads, (5) fee collection by an employee or agent of the BLM, (6) reasonable visitor protection, (7) refuse containers, (8) toilet facilities, (9) simple devices for containing a campfire (Sec.6802.(g)(2)(A) of FLREA).









Table 1: Rates and Service Comparison in Crested Butte Area Comparable for Oh-Be-Joyful Campground (Compiled in 2021)

Campgrou nd Name	Public/ Private	# of Sites	Fee (\$)	Picnic Table	Fire Grate or Ring	Trash Collection	Potable Water	Toilet	Electricity	Notes
Oh-Be-Joyful	BLM	36	\$10	X	x			x		Including 5 River Flats s
Gothic	USFS	4	\$12	X	X			X		\$4/day for day use/picnio
Cement Creek	USFS	13	\$16	X	X			X		
Lost Lake	USFS	18	\$20	X	X	X	X	X		\$4/day for day use/picnio
Lottis Creek	USFS	45	\$22	X	X		X	X	X	\$8/night for electric
Lake Irwin	USFS	32	\$18	X	X		X	X		
Elk Creek	NPS	157	\$16 Standard \$22 Electric	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Campfire Ranch	City of Gunnison - Concessionaire	10	\$60	X	X	X	X	X		Taxes extra. Gear rentals
Crested Butte RV Resort	Private	21	\$75	x	X	X	X	X	X	*Communal fire pit
Tall Texan RV Park	Private		\$29 Tent \$49+ RV	X	X	X	x	X	X	Glamping Wagons \$109
Gunnison KOA	Private	93	\$80	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wifi, cabins

Average Fee (Excluding BLM) = \$35 Average Fee (Public) = \$22 Oh Be Joyful Comparable Campgrounds (Crested Butte Area)

Table 2: Rates and Service Comparison in Lake City Area

Comparable for Mill Creek, The Gate, and Red Bridge Campgrounds (Compiled in 2022)

Campgrou nd Name	Public/ Private	# of Sites	Fee (S)	Picnic Table	Fire Grate or Ring	Trash Collection	Potable Water	Toilet	Electricity	Notes
Mill Creek	BLM	22	\$7	x	x	x	x	x		
The Gate	BLM	8	\$5	X	X		X	X		
Red Bridge	BLM	7	\$5	X	X			X		
Deer Lakes	USFS	12	\$12	X	X	X	X	X		
Williams Creek	USFS	23	\$16	X	X	X	X	X		
Castle Lakes	Private	50	\$34	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Elkhorn	Private	24	\$46 RV	x	Shared	X	X	X	X	Rates based on 2-person occupancy. Each additional person is \$5 per day. Taxes extra.
Highlander RV	Private	38	\$43	x	x	x	X	x	x	Rates based on 2-person occupancy. Each additional person is \$3 per day. Taxes extra. Internet, laundry, pavilion.
Riverfork	Private	26	\$44 RV \$25 Tent	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Woodlake Park	Private	50	\$38	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Wupperman	Hinsdale County	31	\$20	X	X	X	X	X		RV Dump \$10

Average Fee (Excluding BLM campgrounds) = \$29 Average Fee (Public) = \$16 Red Bridge, The Gate, and Mill Creek Comparable Campgrounds (Lake City Area)

Cost to Manage: Average revenue collected annually = \$45,509

Cost Type (averages, including benefits)	FY21	Projected FY23	
Park Rangers (2)	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Vehicles (1)	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Equipment & Supplies	\$20,000	\$25,000	
Services (water testing, toilet pumping, trash pickup, etc.)	\$10,000	\$15,000	
Camp Host stipends	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Law Enforcement	\$15,000	\$15,000	
Totals	\$90,000	\$100,000	

Site		Current Fee	Proposed Fee
<u>Oh</u> Be Joyful	Individual Site	\$10	\$20
<u>Oh</u> Be Joyful	Group Site	\$30	\$60
<u>Oh</u> Be Joyful	Day Use*	\$0	\$5
Mill Creek	Individual Site	\$7	\$20
The Gate	Individual Site	\$5	\$10
Red Bridge	Individual Site	\$5	\$10

All fees stay at the Gunnison Field Office. Fees will go towards seasonal labor, campground hosts, services, supplies, and site improvements.



Mill Creek Campground Expansion



WITE STIES SEWINGER OF THE INTERNAL
CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT — TO AID NEPA
MILL CIEEK CAMPOROUND ENEMSION

