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Hi Sarah,

Please see below (and attachment) regarding the three follow up questions for GSENM regarding grazing permits and the Andalex lease.

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Nikki -

Can you review three responses to the questions from Sarah Cline? If approved can you forward to her at: Sarah_Cline@ios.doi.gov

1) Could you give a short description of the commercial Special Recreation Permits?

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) authorizes recreation use of the public lands and related waters through the issuance of special recreation permits and recreation use permits. The BLM's authority to issue permits is described in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 2930. The authority to collect and retain recreation fees is specified in the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) of 2004 (H-2930-1).

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and related waters for business or financial gain (H-2930-1). At GSENM commercial SRPs cover a wide range of activities including general guide/hiking service, hunting & fishing guides, atv/vehicle experiences, educational events (geology classes, etc), horseback riding, and bicycling. Film permits are a separate type of authorization.

SRP fees are largely retained in the office where they were generated. At GSENM these funds go to support the salary of the SRP Administer and for monument projects resulting in direct improvement in the recreation program: campgrounds, trailheads, roads, signage, etc.

(See attached Document: GSENM SRP Program_Q2)

2) The Data Summary document lists total AUMs and active AUMs (which are the same as permitted in the 2.e. Grazing AUMs spreadsheet). Can you define total AUMs, and explain how they compare to permitted and billed?

Total AUMs is the sum of Active AUMs plus suspended AUMs. In the majority of the permits, Active AUMs and Total AUMS are the same because there are no Suspended AUMs

Suspended AUMs are those initially adjudicated and are no longer available for use on an annual basis. These are carried forward in case they become available for use in the future from changes such as vegetation restoration, or improved water making more forage available.

Active AUMs are available for the permittee to use on an annual basis. Active AUMs and Permitted AUMs are basically synonymous. The use of the word "Permitted" was adopted in the last version of the grazing regulation changes to be consistent with terminology used by the U.S. Forest Service

Billed AUMs are the portion of the Active (Permitted) AUMs the permittee applies for each year. The billed AUMs are the closest to the Actual AUMs used. A permittee may use up to the total Active AUMs, but not over. These billed AUMs vary from year to year as the permittees and BLM work together to make voluntary adjustments in response to conditions such as drought or variability in a rancher's livestock operation.

3) The Data Summary document states that "Andalex coal leases were voluntary sold to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at market value". Would it be accurate to say that BLM purchased the coal leases with LWCF funding?

The leases were voluntarily sold fo 14 Million. Since LWCF funds were utilized the U.S. Government actually purchased the Andalex leases. Attached is a copy of the LR2000 report and a Deseret News article from the time.

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/720986/14-million-swap-for-Andalex-leases.html>

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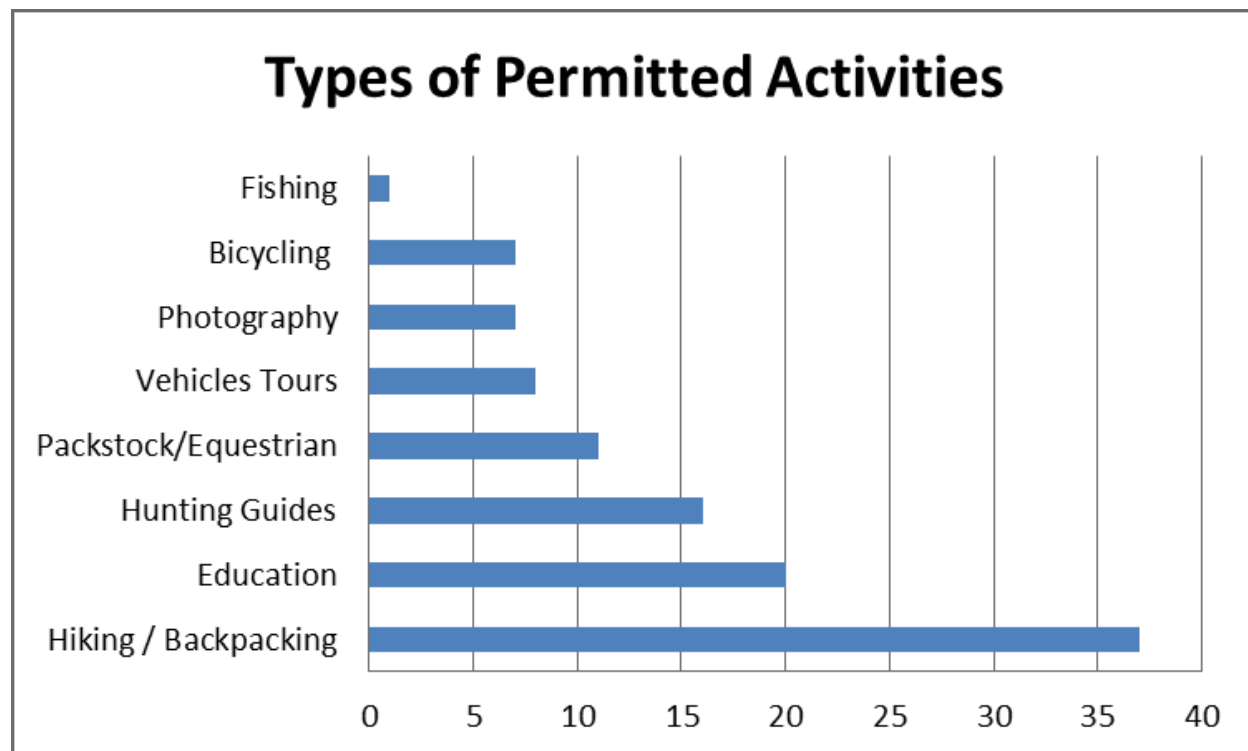
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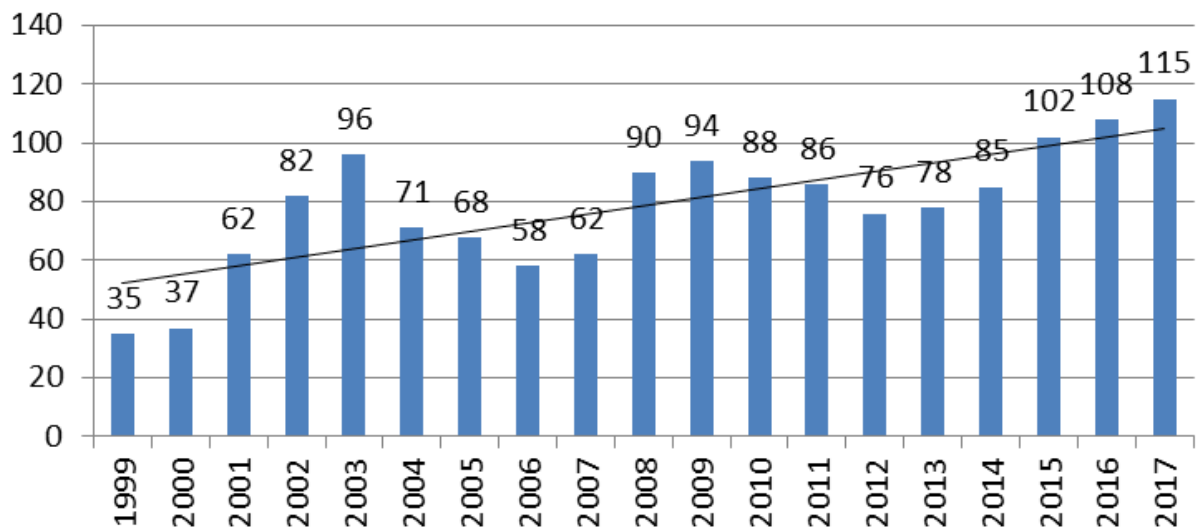
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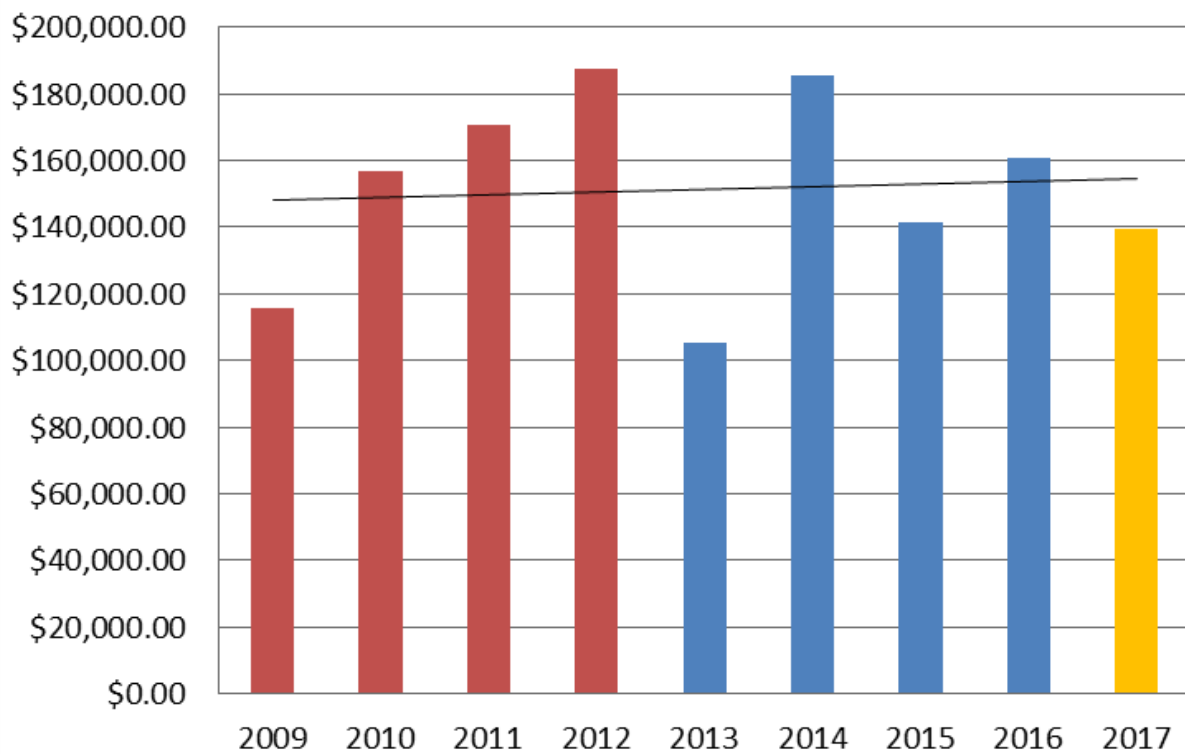
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Special Recreation Permits 228% Increase since 1999



Special Recreation Permit Revenues



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