

FY08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: HASSAYAMPA FIELD OFFICE SRPs (AZ20)

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DESCRIPTION

The Hassayampa Field Office (HFO) and Agua Fria National Monument (AFNM) issues a wide variety of recreation permits for commercial guides or outfitters, competitive and/or fundraising events, organized club or group outings and vending operations. Permits include guided *Hummer*, jeep, All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and/or Utility Vehicle (UTV) tours; competitive OHV speed races for trucks, buggies, ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, and kids races; American Motorcycle Association (AMA) sanctioned or organized club competitive motorcycle enduros; club rock crawling or ATV events; club jeep events; off-highway vehicle (OHV) manufacturer demo events; OHV training workshops; dude ranch activities including OHV tours, horse rides and cattle drives; guided hunting; nationally sanctioned or club competitive equestrian endurance rides or trials skills events; equestrian club rides; recreational mining club outings; gold panning tours; club or school orienteering events; organized handcart reenactments; boy scout jamborees; and photography, food and other vending operations.

The following image illustrates a typical trail riding event:



FEE SCHEDULE

Fees for the SRP program are established at the national level by the BLM Director. Other fees associated with permits may be used in addition to use fees. However, no application fees have been

established for the Field Office; nor have fees been assessed for assigned sites or exclusive use. The fees in effect for From October 1 through March 30 during FY 07 were the following:

- Commercial or vending: \$90 annual minimum or 3% of gross receipts, whichever is higher.
- Competitive events: \$90 annual minimum, 3% of gross income, or \$4 per participant whichever is higher.
- Organized group: \$90 annual minimum or \$4 per participant whichever is higher.

Effective April 1, 2008, the minimum commercial, competitive and organized group use fees were adjusted based on the Gross National Product Implicit Price Deflator Index in accordance with the automatic three-year fee adjustment policy published on October 19, 1989 (see WO IM No. 2008-106).

The minimum annual commercial and/or competitive fee increased to \$95.

The competitive event and organized group fee increased to \$5 per person per day.

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR

During FY 2008, 42 permits were authorized for HFO and 7 for AFNM. There were 20 special events held in HFO.

Use fees received were used for the following items in accordance with the approved business plan completed in September of 2007, with the exception of carryover funds saved for large projects.

Visitor Services and Interpretation: 15% of fees were used for cost of collection expenses associated with processing post use reports and fee billings and 8% of fees for administration/program oversight. Fees were also used to purchase directional signs for the Sophie's Flat Trailhead.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement: Fees were used to partially fund the purchase a kiosk for the Sophie's Flat Trailhead in partnership with the Wickenburg Conservation Foundation. Additional expenses for construction of the Sophie's Flat Trailhead included fencing materials and equipment rental.

Law Enforcement – Public Use and Recreation: Fees were used to provide law enforcement for the special events and to maintain the two law enforcement motorcycles used to monitor motorcycle events on single track trails.

Resource Protection: Fees were used for volunteer reimbursements and a contract task order for permit monitoring and miscellaneous supplies relating to monitoring.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR (FY09):

- Maintain cost of collection and administration/program oversight expenses not to exceed 25% of receipts.
- Install informational and directional signing for trailhead and staging areas, and map boxes for kiosks.
- Provide for restroom construction-related expenses for Sophie's Flat Trailhead (carryover funds).
- Apply dust suppressant/soil stabilizer for trailheads/parking areas where needed.
- Provide law enforcement monitoring and motorcycle maintenance/repairs.
- Provide volunteer reimbursements for permit monitoring and miscellaneous supplies.