

## FY08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**NAME OF FEE PROJECT: LOWER SONORAN FO SPECIAL REC. PERMITS**      **STATE: AZ**  
**(AZ22)**

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**DESCRIPTION (PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERALL DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF SITES AND SERVICES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS FEE PROJECT – CAMPGROUNDS, CABINS, TOURS, VISITOR CENTERS, SPECIAL USES PERMITS, ETC.)**

As described above for FY06 and FY07-- This fee project was established for fees related to issuance of commercial / competitive special recreation permits on the Lower Sonoran Field Office and Sonoran Desert National Monument, Phoenix District. Fees will be used to provide improved permit monitoring and case file management when the cumulative total in the account allows effective use of the funds. Limited maintenance of routes used by permitted activities, or purchase and maintenance of signs on such routes, may be provided with funds in this project account.

**FEE SCHEDULE**

As established by 43 CFR 2930.

**SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR (PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES THAT ADDRESSES THE ENTIRE FEE PROGRAM SUCH AS CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS, VISITOR SERVICES, ETC.)**

Four permits were issued on the Lower Sonoran Field Office, and six permits were issued on the Sonoran Desert National Monument.

Visitor Services, Interpretation: Stipulations included as conditions of all issued permits requested that clients / participants be provided "Leave-No-Trace" and "Tread Lightly" educational information.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement: No funds were expended on repair or maintenance of facilities in FY08. In the future, when cumulative sums in the AZ22 account allow, expenditures may be authorized to repair certain motorized vehicle routes used by jeep tours, or in signing of such routes.

Law Enforcement – Public Use and Recreation: No funds from project AZ22 were expended on Law Enforcement or permit monitoring functions in FY08. When the cumulative sum in this account is adequate, we may undertake a monitoring program for commercial permits.

Wildlife Habitat Restoration, Resource Protection: Such activities did not occur in FY08 as a part of the special recreation permit program.

Fee Agreements and Reservation Services: No fee agreements or reservation systems were completed in FY07.

**PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR (FY09):** The Lower Sonoran Field Office and Sonoran Desert National Monument are expecting approximately the same number of special recreation permits included in the AZ22 project as occurred in previous years. Due to a closure to motorized access on a portion of the Sonoran Desert National Monument that resulted from off-highway-vehicle damage, two major changes were implemented in the program on the Sonoran Desert National Monument for FY09:

1. BLM has established an agreement with the Boy Scouts of America, Grand Canyon Council, using the special recreation permitting regulations applicable to administrative use, to provide for volunteer service projects to repair areas damaged by off-highway-vehicles in the Sonoran Desert National Monument. The boy scouts are provided motorized access to a group campsite within an area of the monument that has been temporarily closed to motorized use. From this campsite, the scouts engage in volunteer service projects that have been marked and described by BLM staff. BLM Park Rangers provide orientation, educational talks, and other information on the reasons for the closure and techniques of restoration, as time allows. BLM anticipates volunteer service contributions of approximately \$100,000 in value from this arrangement for FY09. PHOTO ATTACHED.

A recreation facility plan was developed in draft stage to provide three group camping and event areas. Each of these areas have been used for years, and will be formalized under this plan. If demand for the sites warrant, they will be made available by permit and reservation