

FY08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Name of Fee Project: Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground

State: Arizona

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Description: Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground provides visitors the opportunity to view an ancient archaeological site containing hundreds of symbolic and artistic rock etchings, or “petroglyphs” produced centuries ago by prehistoric peoples. There are also inscriptions made by people who passed through during historic times. Many well-known events in Arizona history occurred near the petroglyph site, including the expedition of Juan Bautista de Anza that founded San Francisco, the Mormon Battalion and the Butterfield Overland Mail. Picnic tables, barbeque grills and two vault toilet are provided for picnicking and primitive camping. Two ramadas are available for group activities.

Fee Schedule: \$2.00/vehicle for day use; \$8.00/vehicle/night camping

Specific Accomplishments This Year:

Visitor Services, Interpretation: Bob and Sandy Nelson, full-time volunteer campground hosts, assisted with visitor contact, visitor use surveys and campground maintenance during the high seasonal use period. Bob provided excellent interpretation of the petroglyph site for the benefit of the public.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement: Campground hosts provided maintenance of the campground including cleaning and restocking of the restroom, policing for trash/litter, restocking fee envelopes and ash removal from barbeque grills. When appropriate they recorded illegal activities and vandalism to BLM Law Enforcement Officers. The BLM Operations Division constructed a single vault Romtec toilet and restored/rehabilitated the campground road network after major storms damaged the campground roads. The vault toilet was pumped as part of the annual maintenance. Trash was collected under a contract with the Town of Gila Bend.

Law Enforcement – Public Use and Recreation: No funds from project AZ22 were expended on Law Enforcement functions in FY08

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR (FY09):

Depending on funding and day use/camping fees the following projects are planned:

- Replacement of traffic and directional signs
- Garbage Collection and Vault Toilet Pumping
- Day use parking area and camp loop road maintenance
- Interpretive path maintenance
- Demolish and upgrade storage rooms
- Minor facility maintenance

