

FY08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ18 GILA RIVER SRPS

STATE: AZ

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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.)

This Special Management Area is located within the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area. The Gila River corridor, from the boat put in at the Old Safford Bridge to the boat take out at Dry Canyon, is comprised of patchy mesquite woodlands, mature cottonwood trees, sandy beaches, and grand buff colored cliffs. Inflatable kayak, canoe, and rafting enthusiasts take advantage of the variable water flow levels and enjoy an easy to moderate floating and camping adventure in the canyon. The twenty three mile float takes one through a spectacular canyon with 500 foot sheer cliff walls and dramatic geologic features. Free facilities at the Old Safford Bridge Boat Put In and the Dry Canyon Picnic Area (take out) include restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, a self service pay station (put in), grills, and informational kiosks.

FEE SCHEDULE

- \$3.00/person/trip

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

Minimal funds were spent in FY08. The site generated less than \$300.00 in revenue which will be utilized with funds generated in the following years to purchase items such as inflatable kayaks, safety equipment, etc.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR (FY09):

PURCHASE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR FLOATING THE RIVER.