

## FY08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**NAME OF FEE PROJECT:** AZ 14 LAS CIENEGAS NATIONAL  
CONSERVATION AREA 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.)

The Las Cienegas National Conservation Area (LCNCA) Fee Project consists of managing the revenues from the issuance and maintenance of Special Recreation Permits.

Three recreation sites requiring an SRP for their use are the Airstrip Group Site, Maternity Well Group Site and Ag Fields Group Site. These “group” sites are situated in desert grasslands and mesquite/ oak woodlands. Each site is about 15 acres in size, and are used most often for national and local bird dog trials, national and local horse endurance rides and outdoor education camping events.

The Airstrip Group Site is the primary recreation site within LCNCA and contains livestock water, a public restroom, and a fenced/gated perimeter with plenty of pedestrian /livestock access points. This site was designed/intended to allow permit holders to set up camping, RV’s and livestock trailers in configurations suiting their own staging needs.

Other SRP’s were also issued for other activities outside the group site areas.

### FEE SCHEDULE

\$90 MINIMUM / \$ 4 PER PERSON PER DAY FOR GROUP OR COMPETITIVE EVENTS ( AS OUTLINED IN 43 CFR 2930).

COMMERCIAL SRP’S ARE MANAGED AS OUTLINED IN 43 CFR 2930

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

There were 11 SRP’s administered in FY 08 and these generated \$1,591.

**Visitor Services, Interpretation:** The LCNCA Map/guide continues to serve as primary information for visitors. A temporary park ranger maintains the site, monitors SRP activity and provides public information. No recreation fee revenues were used to accomplish this.

**Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement:** Volunteer groups installed more fence infrastructure to the Airstrip Group site. No recreation fee revenues were used to accomplish this.

**Law Enforcement – Public Use and Recreation:** Traffic monitoring devices (the Boxcar Pro and Hobo series) were purchased with \$450 of the recreation fee revenues for use in LCNCA. These devices count vehicle passage dates and time. The data are used for internal monitoring, generating the annual Public Land Statistics, and Law Enforcement reports.

**Wildlife Habitat Restoration, Resource Protection:** The Vegetation Treatment Program continued. It refined and cleaned the Recreation sites to attain optimum conditions for bird dog trial and horseback rides. No recreation fee revenues were used to accomplish this.

**Fee Agreements and Reservation Services:** LCNCA group sites area open for group use only on a reservation basis and under a SRP.

#### **PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR (FY09):**

BLM will continue building the next phases of LCNCA recreation sites with volunteer labor (including youth groups), and BLM personnel. This will include more parking infrastructure, landscape features and a trailhead for up to 3 trails at the Airstrip Group Site during FY 09-12, along with regular water well testing at this site so it can be available as potable water. Hopefully a Park Ranger to conduct majority of recreation led related work in LCNCA can be retained. Coordination with the LCNCA vegetation treatment program to convert excess mesquite trees into wood posts for fencing and landscape features and wood chips for trail or pathway aggregate will continue.