

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ16 ARIZONA STRIP SRPs

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DESCRIPTION:

The Arizona Strip District Special Recreation Permit (SRP) fee project was established to account for fees collected for commercial/competitive SRPs and organized group events in the Arizona Strip Field Office, the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, and the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, all located within the Arizona Strip District.

Most of the SRPs issued were for the commercial services of hunting guides/outfitters and tour guides. Trophy hunts for mule deer and bighorn sheep occur at several locations on the District. The Arizona Strip District manages commercial guides for touring, sightseeing, and hiking the challenging and scenic areas of the Grand Canyon region, as well as several competitive and organized group events. Commercial applications for motorized and non-motorized guiding and sightseeing in the Monuments on the District are increasing in numbers each year.

The BLM co-manages Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument with the National Park Service (NPS) which issues Commercial Use Authorizations (CUA) for commercial/organized group events on NPS-administered lands. Commercial and/or competitive activities and/or organized group events that occur on both NPS and BLM-administered land in that Monument may be issued both a CUA and a SRP. The Arizona Strip District staff also works cooperatively with the Kanab Field Office and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah to administer recreation in the northeastern portion of the District and in Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

FEE SCHEDULE:

Fees for the SRP program are established at the national level by the BLM Director. 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 was \$95.

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY09:

No fee revenues were expended this year.

Work continued on the Motorized SRP Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Arizona Strip District National Monuments, which was initiated in FY09. This work is funded through Federal appropriations, not fee revenues.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY10:

The Vermilion Cliffs National Monument EA should be completed in FY10. Work on the EA is funded through Federal appropriations, not fee revenues.