

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ02 HOT WELL DUNES RECREATION AREA **STATE:** AZ
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AREA DESCRIPTION:

Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area consists of an extensive sand dunes system, approximately 2,000 acres, providing great adventures for off-highway vehicle enthusiasts. There are 13 developed campsites and opportunities for camping at numerous undeveloped sites throughout the area. The developed campsites include picnic tables, grills, garbage cans, and fire rings. The facilities include two hot tubs, three restrooms, information kiosks, a picnic area, a watchable wildlife area, a self-service pay station, and two parking areas.



FEE SCHEDULE:

- \$3.00/vehicle/day
- \$30.00/vehicle/year

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY09:

Visitor Services, Interpretation:

A small stipend was paid to site hosts to offset some expenses. In addition, some of the fees were used to install amenities to upgrade and maintain the site host's campsite. The result of these expenditures through the years has been the ability of the BLM to recruit and retain quality site hosts. The hosts in FY09 were on site during the heavy use season, conducting day-to-day maintenance of the facilities, including trash pickup, and providing visitor information and assistance. They also provided a point-of-contact for emergency assistance for law enforcement and medical needs. As a result of utilizing site hosts there has been a decrease in vandalism and visitor conflicts and a shift towards a more family-oriented use continues.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement:

Fees were spent in FY09 to cover the annual operating costs of keeping the facility maintained and clean. This included the replacement of one mile of boundary fence line, pumping of the vault toilets, and maintaining the hot tubs and campsites. Fees funded a maintenance contract which included trash pickup and cleaning the restrooms.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY10:

- Replacement of one mile of boundary fence line.
- Pumping vault toilets.
- Maintaining campsites and hot tubs.
- Stipend for site hosts.
- Fund the maintenance contract.