

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ09 PAINTED ROCK PETROGLYPH SITE AND
CAMPGROUND

STATE: AZ

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AREA 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 Route. Picnic tables, barbeque grills, two ramadas, an interpretive trail, and two vault toilets are provided for visitors.

FEE SCHEDULE:

Day Use: \$2.00/vehicle

Camping: \$8.00/vehicle

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY09:

Visitor Services, Interpretation:

The full-time volunteer hosts at the campground assisted with visitor contact, visitor use statistics, and campground maintenance during the high seasonal-use period. In FY09, recreation fee revenues were used to support these volunteers. In addition, a new interpretive panel, donated by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (Grand Canyon Chapter), was installed celebrating the life and contributions of Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau, son of Sacagawea, who served as a guide to the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Mormon Battalion Trail. Funding to install the new plaque was through the use of fee revenue.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement:

Campground hosts provided maintenance of the campground, including cleaning and restocking the restrooms, policing for trash/litter, restocking fee envelopes, and ash removal from barbeque grills. Recreation fee revenues were used to purchase the necessary supplies to perform this work. In addition,

two culverts were added, two direction signs and one county sign were replaced, the storage rooms were demolished and upgraded, a restroom vault was repaired, both restroom locks were replaced, and the ceiling for one of the ramadas were repaired through funding from fee revenues. Trash was collected under a contract with the Town of Gila Bend. The BLM Operations Division, with the help from young adult contract crews, restored the road network and the interpretive trail after a major storm.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY10:

Depending on funding and day use/camping fee collection, the following projects are planned:

- Improvement of two handicapped-accessible camp sites,
- Day-use parking area and camp loop road maintenance with dust suppressant,
- Painting of the ramadas,
- Replacement of traffic and directional signs,
- Installation of a concrete water crossing,
- Continuation of garbage collection and vault toilet maintenance.