

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ18 GILA RIVER SRPs

STATE: AZ

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AREA DESCRIPTION:

This Special Recreation Permit site 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 winds through a spectacular canyon with 500-foot sheer cliff walls, with dramatic geologic features. Facilities at the Old Safford Bridge boat put in and the Dry Canyon 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 FOR FY09:

The river program generated less than \$300.00 in revenue. Minimal funds were spent in FY09 and these will be utilized with funds generated in the following years to purchase items such as inflatable kayaks, safety equipment, etc.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY10:

Purchase of safety equipment for floating the Gila River.