

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ21 YUMA FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT PROGRAM	STATE: AZ
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<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The Yuma Field Office Special Recreation Permit Program includes two components: (1) individual use of two specially-designated Long-Term Visitor Areas (LTVA), and (2) commercial uses, competitive events, and organized group activities on the public lands. The Imperial Dam and La Posa LTVAs, which collectively encompass over 12,000 acres, provide long-term recreation vehicle (RV) camping opportunities on the public lands between September 15 and April 15 of each year. The LTVAs include amenities, such as visitor information stations, trash disposal, potable water, black and grey water dump stations, restrooms, and shade ramadas.</p> <p>LTVA FEE SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Short-visit Permit (14 days): \$40.00 Long-term Permit (September 15 – April 15): \$180.00 All LTVA permits are honored at all other LTVAs for the length of their validity, including at five additional LTVAs managed by the BLM California Desert District.</p>	

FEE SCHEDULE FOR OTHER SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS:

The SRP fee schedule for commercial activities is established nationally for all BLM field offices. Fee receipts derived from recreational commercial, competitive, and organized group event SRPs are routinely calculated using national fee schedule guidance found in BLM Recreation Permit Administration Manual H-2930-1, Section III.G., as established by 43 CFR 2930. As of March 2008, the SRP fee schedule is the following:

- Commercial permits are the maximum of \$95 or 3% of the gross revenue.
- Competitive permits are the maximum of \$95, 3% of gross revenue or \$5 per participant/day.
- Organized-group use is \$5 per person per day or \$95, whichever is greater.

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY10:

A total of 6,476 Special Recreation Permits were sold in FY10 for individual use of the LTVAs. The Yuma Field Office also processed a total of 50 Special Recreation Permits in FY10 to local businesses and recreational clubs for commercial uses and organized group events.



Visitor Services, Interpretation:

A cadre of approximately 90 volunteers such as the team pictured above provides on-site services at the Imperial and La Posa Long-term Visitor Areas (LTVAs). The services range from selling LTVA Permits and providing local information for new visitors, to leading hikes and coordinating other special events at large-group pavilions in both LTVAs. Kiosks located at various locations in the recreation areas are maintained by BLM staff and volunteers to provide a variety of local information for visitors. Fee revenues supported these volunteers.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement:

The Special Recreation Permit fee revenues funded a large portion of the cost for materials and equipment and contractors needed for the maintenance of recreation facilities. Labor costs for BLM staff and reimbursements for volunteers who operate and maintain facilities are also covered by recreation fees. In FY10, collected fee revenues covered labor costs for BLM staff who administered ARRA Projects in the La Posa Long-term Visitor Area. Through these projects, several solar energy generating facilities were installed at four Visitor Information Stations to provide a portion of the needed energy supply from a renewable energy source while providing jobs for Americans.

Law Enforcement – Public Use and Recreation:

A portion of the labor and equipment funding for Law Enforcement Officers who routinely patrol the recreation areas and monitor commercial vendors is covered by recreation fee revenues. During busy public events such as the January-February gem and mineral shows in Quartzsite, Arizona, officers from adjacent offices are brought in to assist with visitor security and resource protection issues.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY11:

Collected recreation fees will continue to support costs associated with garbage collection, supplies and materials for facility maintenance, monitoring on-site commercial services provided by vendors, and for BLM staff and volunteers who conduct the operation and maintenance of recreation facilities. The BLM Yuma Field Office also plans to carry forward the following project proposals from FY10 to FY11: (1. provide BLM staff support needed to complete one remaining American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project at the Imperial Recreation Area that will provide solar energy for recreation facilities and (2) purchase new benches and tables for group pavilions located in both the La Posa and Imperial Long-Term Visitor Areas.