

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ10 SAN PEDRO RIPARIAN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA	STATE: AZ
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AREA DESCRIPTION:

The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) is the first of only two Riparian National Conservation Areas in the nation. The Arizona-Idaho Conservation Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-696) designated the SPRNCA to protect the riparian area and the aquatic, wildlife, archeological, paleontological, scientific, cultural, educational, and recreational resources. The SPRNCA is located near the city of Sierra Vista in Cochise County, AZ and contains approximately 56,431 acres of public land. Forty miles of the San Pedro River fall within the conservation area adding to its environmental importance.

Primitive camping is allowed throughout the SPRNCA except in riparian zones, where camping is restricted to protect these sensitive areas. There are two Administrative and Information Center Host Sites located at the Fairbank Historic Townsite and the San Pedro House. This project includes all recreational revenues collected within the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. Because there are no amenity fee sites within the SPRNCA, all of revenues are derived from Special Recreation Permits. These include any commercial operations or competitive and organized group events occurring within the SPRNCA, plus an individual permit issued for overnight backcountry camping permits. All other daily dispersed recreation use is free, including hiking, mountain biking, wildlife viewing, picnicking, horseback riding, fishing, and hunting in designated areas.

FEE SCHEDULE:

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

The fee for the individual use of the special management area is established locally. The SPRNCA has one such area – which is the overnight use anywhere within the area.

- Special Management Area Special Recreation Permit – (Individual Backcountry Camping Permit): \$2.00 / Person / Night

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY10:

During the FY10 approximately \$684 in fees were collected from the issuance of special management area (overnight camping) permits and commercial recreation permits. No fee revenues were expended in FY10.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY11:

The San Pedro Project Office and San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area are expecting approximately the same number of special recreation permits as occurred in previous years. The recreation program has proposed the following new projects for FY11:

Fee revenues will be used to support an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project to provide new picnic tables at the SPRNCA. Fee revenues will also be used to test the water from an onsite public well. Both of these projects provide the benefit of properly maintained facilities for visitors.