

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ16 ARIZONA STRIP SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS	STATE: AZ
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DESCRIPTION:

The Arizona Strip District Special Recreation Permit (SRP) fee project was established to account for fees collected for commercial and competitive SRPs and organized group events in the Arizona Strip Field Office, the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, and the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, all located within the Arizona Strip District.

Most of the SRPs issued were for the commercial services of hunting guides/outfitters and tour guides. Trophy hunts for mule deer and bighorn sheep occur at several locations in the district. The Arizona Strip District manages commercial guides for touring, sightseeing, and hiking the challenging and scenic areas of the Grand Canyon region, as well as several competitive and organized group events. Commercial applications for motorized and non-motorized guiding and sightseeing in the monuments on the district are increasing in number each year. In coordination with the St. George Field Office in Utah, the Arizona Strip Field Office has hosted, for some 20 years, the annual Rhino Rally, a motorcycle race sponsored by the Wizards Motorcycle Club. Organized events such as the Tri-State ATV Jamboree have provided well-managed, guided ATV touring, using numerous combinations of looping routes in the Southern Utah/Northern Arizona area. The popularity of the region has grown beyond local and regional riders to national renown.

The BLM co-manages Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument with the National Park Service (NPS) which issues Commercial Use Authorizations (CUA) for commercial/organized group events on NPS-administered lands. Commercial and/or competitive activities and/or organized group events that occur on both NPS and BLM-administered land in that Monument may be issued both a CUA and a SRP. The Arizona Strip District staff also works cooperatively with the Kanab Field Office and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah to administer recreation in the northeastern portion of the District and in the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

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 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 F Y10:

Visitor Services, Interpretation:

In FY10 fee revenues were used to purchase signs and supplies for the installation of the signs. Fee revenues were also used to support the cost of labor to install signs in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument.

Direct Operating or Capital Costs:

Recreation fee receipts were used to purchase and install a new lock on the SRP file cabinet at the BLM office.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY11

Fee revenues in the future will be used for road counters, signs, map publications, road maintenance, and barriers.