

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ18 GILA RIVER SRPS

STATE: AZ

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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 takes one through a spectacular canyon with 500-foot sheer cliff walls and 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:

The fee for the individual use of the special management area is established locally.

- Special Recreation Permit for individual use of Gila River: \$3.00/person/trip

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY11:

The site generated less than \$100.00 in revenue so no funds were spent in FY11. Low visitation was due to low riverflow, and debris in the river due to fires. Revenue will be utilized with funds generated in the following years to purchase items such as inflatable kayaks, safety equipment, etc.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR (FY12)

Purchase of river equipment.