

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ09 PAINTED ROCK PETROGLYPH SITE AND CAMPGROUND **STATE:** AZ

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AREA DESCRIPTION: Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground provides visitors the opportunity to view an ancient archaeological site containing hundreds of symbolic and artistic rock etchings, or “petroglyphs” produced centuries ago by prehistoric peoples. There are also inscriptions made by people who passed through the area during historic times. Many well-known events in Arizona history occurred near the petroglyph site, including the expedition of Juan Bautista de Anza that founded San Francisco, the Mormon Battalion and the Butterfield overland mail route. Picnic tables, barbeque grills, two ramadas, an interpretive trail, and two vault toilets are provided for visitors.

FEE SCHEDULE: \$2.00/vehicle for day use; \$8.00/vehicle/camping

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY11:

Visitor Services, Interpretation: Recreation fee revenues were used to provide support for volunteers and campground hosts who account for the day-to-day management of the site, as well as monitoring of the area. The full-time volunteer campground hosts at the Painted Rock assist with visitor contact, visitor-use statistics, interpretation, and monitoring. Volunteers help keep the cost of maintenance and fee collection at the Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground to a minimum, and allow for the facilities to be available for use throughout the year.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement: At the Painted Rock Site and Campground recreation fee revenues provided funding for sign replacement, road maintenance work, and interpretive trail restoration. Fee revenues support for volunteer campground hosts, who provided maintenance of the campground including cleaning and restocking the restrooms, policing for trash/litter, restocking fee envelopes and ash removal from barbeque grills. Information kiosks and were replaced at the day-use and campground, vault toilets were pumped, and trash was collected under a contract with the Town of Gila Bend. The Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau interpretive panel was also repaired using fee revenues.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY12:

- Patch and seal interpretive path concrete pads and group ramada concrete floors
- Demolish the old tool shack
- Repair petroglyph site interpretive path
- Day use parking area and camp loop road maintenance with dust suppressant

- Paint the day-use ramadas
- Install a concrete table for group site B
- Garbage collection and vault toilet maintenance
- The Anza Trail Coalition plans to conduct an educational event at the petroglyph site.