

**RECREATION RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL (RRAC)**  
***FINAL MINUTES***  
**March 6, 2008**

**BLM National Training Center**  
**9828 North 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**

**AGENDA ITEM: Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) Session**  
**Minutes of December 6, 2007 RRAC Meeting, Steve Saway**  
**REA Work Group Report, Steve Saway**  
**Kentucky Camp Headquarters Building Fee Proposal, Jeff Saari,**  
**FS Region 3, Developed Sites Program Manager, and Kathy Makansi,**  
**Coronado National Forest, Archaeologist**  
**RRAC Lead for Paria Canyon/Coyote Buttes Fee Proposals, Don**  
**Applegate, Arizona Recreation Program Lead, BLM Arizona State**  
**Office**

**DISCUSSION:** Meeting was called to order at 1:52 p.m.

**Minutes of December 6, 2007 RRAC Meeting:** Steve Saway drew attention to the draft minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> RRAC meeting and requested review and approval.

**Motion:** I move that the draft minutes of the RRAC meeting dated 12-06-07 be approved as presented. Motion made by Norman Perry, seconded by Jason Williams. Motion carries.

**REA Work Group Report:** Steve Saway, REA Work Group Chair, gave a summary of the REA Work Group meetings held on January 29<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. The January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting was held via conference call to review the Kentucky Camp Headquarters Building Fee Proposal. Kathy Makansi presented the fee proposal using a PowerPoint briefing which has been placed on the RRAC web site. The REA Work Group reviewed the details with Jeff and Kathy. The proposal has good support and documentation. This proposal will be reviewed later today for action by the full RRAC.

At the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the REA Work Group approved minutes of the 12-05-07 and 1-29-08 Work Group meetings; discussed the Work Group's recommendation on the Kentucky Camp fee proposal; discussed lead RRAC (Arizona or Utah) for the interstate Paria Canyon/Coyote Buttes fee proposals; and updated the Fiscal Year 2008 RRAC fee review schedule. The RRAC lead for Paria Canyon/Coyote Buttes will be discussed later today for action by the full RRAC. Don Applegate has given the Work Group a good overview of the project area and fee proposals, including feedback from a February Utah RRAC meeting. Regarding the Fiscal Year 2008 RRAC fee review schedule, the version we developed in December is no longer current because some fee proposals have been deferred. We can stick with our semi-annual schedule which means no fee proposals for the June meeting. Fee proposals planned for the September RRAC meeting include Forest Service rental cabins, Prescott National Forest forest-wide fees, and the BLM Vermillion Cliffs SRPs (Coyote Buttes North and South, and Paria Canyon) (assuming the Arizona RRAC takes the lead for these sites).

**Kentucky Camp Headquarters Building Fee Proposal:** Jeff Saari and Kathy Makansi gave a PowerPoint presentation to the RRAC, which included some background on Kentucky Camp, amenities at the site, projected fee revenues and costs, justification for the fee proposal, and public outreach efforts. Copies of the briefing were distributed to the RRAC members. Kathy and Jeff fielded questions and comments from the group. One member viewed the proposal as one of the best seen so far. The budget looked good and will provide for capital improvements. Dispersed camping and parking will be located nearby. The cabin is rented more in the fall and spring. Kentucky Camp is located along the Arizona Trail and the site is getting more publicity and interest.

**RRAC Lead for Paria Canyon/Coyote Buttes Fee Proposals:** Don Applegate addressed the RRAC and described the interstate project area which crosses the Utah and Arizona state lines. Most of the fee area is in Arizona and is jointly managed by the Utah and Arizona BLM offices. The fee proposals relate to the Special Recreation Permit fees in Coyote Buttes (North and South) and Paria Canyon. It was felt that from a management standpoint the Arizona RRAC should take the lead on these sites. In addition, the Utah RRAC met in February and has agreed to let the Arizona RRAC serve as the lead for providing REA advice on these fee proposals. This sounded reasonable to the group, though one member felt it was odd that the Utah RRAC deferred to the Arizona RRAC. It was noted that there was low attendance at the Utah RRAC meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment on Recreation Fee Proposals**

**DISCUSSION:** Public comment period was opened at 2:30 p.m. There being no public comments, the public comment period was closed at 2:31 p.m.

**ACTION:** None.

**AGENDA ITEM: RAC Reconvenes to provide Fee Proposal Recommendations to BLM Arizona State Director (RAC members)**

**Motion:** I move that the Arizona RRAC recommend approval of the Kentucky Camp HQ Building fee proposal as presented at the March 6, 2008 RRAC meeting. Motion made by Norman Perry, seconded by Linda Binder. Motion carries.

**Motion:** I move that in recognition of the advice and concurrence of the Utah RAC, the Arizona RAC will accept the lead for hearing and providing REA-required advice for the inter-state Paria Canyon/Coyote Buttes special management area project. Motion made by Norman Perry, seconded by Linda Kennedy. Motion carries.

**ACTION:** RRAC meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.