

**Arizona Recreation Resource Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009**

**Four Points Sheraton
10220 North Metro Parkway East
Phoenix, Arizona**

AGENDA ITEM: Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) Session

- **REA Work Group Report, Steve Saway**
- **BLM Kingman Field Office Fee Proposal, Len Marceau, Recreation Planner, Kingman Field Office (available via phone)**
- **Discussion of Next REA Working Group Meeting and Upcoming BLM and Forest Service Recreation Fee Proposals (RAC Members)**

DISCUSSION: Meeting was called to order at approximately 2:30 p.m. by Steve Saway, RRAC Chair.

1. Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) Work Group Report. Steve Saway summarized the results of the REA Work Group meeting held on September 16th. Attendees included the RAC and REA Work Group members, BLM staff, and Jeff Saari from Forest Service Region 3 who participated via phone. The following actions were taken:

- Approved minutes of June 24, 2009, REA Work Group meeting.
- Discussed how to present the Kingman Fee Proposal. Proposal has already been to the work group twice for review. It was also presented at the June RRAC meeting but no vote was taken due to lack of a quorum. So, at the September 17th RRAC meeting, the Chair will summarize the Kingman Field Office fee proposal. After the public comment period, the RRAC will vote on the fee changes.
- Discussed future RRAC workload. Per Don Applegate, there are no BLM fee proposals planned for 2010. Jeff Saari plans to present two cabin rental fee proposals in the March 2010 timeframe. He also discussed a Forest Service initiative at the national level to solicit public comments on a Forest Service Fee Handbook, which will include High Impact Recreation Areas (HIRAs). This is being done at the national level to ensure consistency between the states. This effort will involve the RAC at some future date.
- Discussed the option of the Forest Service forming a “real” Recreation RAC. The Arizona BLM RAC is looking at forming new Work Groups and the workload associated with REA is diverting time and attention from other issues. It appears there’s an option for the Forest Service to establish a “real” Recreation RAC in lieu of using the existing BLM RAC. Jeff Saari stated that he prefers the status quo and believes the workload is tapering off from the initial backlog of fee proposals. Don Applegate confirmed that the use of existing BLM RACs had been approved by the Congressional oversight committees. Jeff Saari was also concerned about the lengthy process for recruiting a new RAC. Consensus was to leave this as is and have further discussion after the RAC has reviewed the BLM’s new priorities and strategies, the Annual Work Plan, and new Work Groups.

- Discussed appointment of adding a new member to the work group. **Glen Collins motioned, seconded by Norman Perry to add Maggie Sacher to the work group. Motion was approved by the RRAC.**

2. Kingman Field Office Fee Proposal. The proposal had been posted to the RRAC web site and had been presented to the RRAC at the June 25, 2009 meeting. The Chair summarized the Kingman Field Office Fee Proposal as follows:

Site 1 – Windy Point – Individual Campsites from \$4 to \$8

Site 2 – Wild Cow Springs – Individual Campsites from \$5 to \$8; Group Site from \$15 to \$20

Site 3 – Burro Creek – Individual Campsites from \$10 to \$14; Group Site from \$30 to \$50

Public Comment Period. Public comment period was opened for members of the public to comment on the fee proposals under consideration. There being no public comments, the public comment period was closed.

After a brief discussion of the fee proposal and the extensive public outreach conducted by the Kingman Field Office, a motion was made by Norman Perry, seconded by Maggie Sacher, to recommend approval of fee increases. Voted and approved by the RRAC.

3. Discussion of Next REA Working Group Meeting and Upcoming BLM and Forest Service Recreation Fee Proposals (RAC Members)

The Forest Service will have two proposals coming to the RAC in the Spring of 2010. The BLM has no fee increase proposals at this time. Steve Saway suggested a public, teleconference meeting in January or February 2010 after more details are available on the Forest Service fee proposals. A local public notice will be needed to give the time, date, and location of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business, the RRAC session was adjourned at about 3:30 pm.