

Colorado RRAC: Attachment B
US Forest Service - Region 2
BLM - Colorado
Recreation Fee Proposals
Summary of Public Involvement

Date: May 6, 2015

Unit: BLM Royal Gorge Field Office

Proposal: New Fee X Fee Change

Summary of Fee Proposals:

(for multi-fee structure, replace with other graphic if needed)

Site/Service	Current Price	Proposed Price
Cache Creek Placer Area: Individual Special Recreation Permit Fee for Mineral Collection	n/a	\$5.00/day or \$25/annual season pass

Public Participation Activities:

Public Participation Tasks	Date(s)
Posted notice inviting comments on fee proposal.	Posted on BLM RGFO Website.
Hold Meeting with Affected User Group	12/12/2013 met with local gold panning clubs and related businesses. Presented issues and held brainstorming session. Permit and fee was identified as solution.
Scoping Period for Proposed Action	3/3/2014 sent letter to 49 individuals, organizations, and agencies requesting comments on the proposed action for the management plan. A permit and fee was identified in the proposed action. Information was also provided on the BLM RGFO website.
Comment Period for Draft Environmental Assessment.	12/3/2014 a public comment period began for the draft Cache Creek Placer Area Management Plan, Environmental Assessment, and Business Plan. Notifications were sent to the same list in scoping as well as any individuals who provided comments on the proposed action. Chaffee County Times ran an article.
Internal memo sent out to RGFO employees announcing proposed fee changes.	n/a
Posted information on fee proposal on RGFO web site.	The proposed action and draft business plan were posted on the website. Links were provided from the Cache Creek page.
Posted Federal Register notice of proposed new fees (if appropriate) as per REA, Sec. 4 (b).	n/a

Letter sent to residents near the (Fee Area) announcing proposed new fee.	n/a
Briefed local Congressional Staff on fee proposal. Included Senators (List) offices and Congressional Representative (List) offices.	none
Briefed local County commissioners on fee proposal.	none
Personal contacts were made with (List) interested individuals/organizations about the fee proposal.	Front Range Resource Advisory Council Gold Prospectors of Colorado Colorado Gold Diggers Sidewinder Mining Gold Prospectors Association of America Rock Doc Colorado Prospectors Gold Prospectors of the Rockies
E-mails were sent to permitted individuals and organizations about the fee proposal.	n/a

Public Participation Results (include # of responses/category):

Method of Communication	Summary of Comments- as of 8/25/2009
Posted On-site Notices –	n/a
Press Releases & News Story	Unknown
Public Comment Periods	<p>6 commenters provided input on the draft proposed action during the scoping period and only two of those commented directly on the fee.</p> <p>One commenter requested that the fee be reasonable so that families and individuals can afford to continue to recreate at the site and have both long term and short term fee options. In response, the proposed action was modified so that the fee was not applicable to persons 16 years of age or younger and a day use and annual fee was included.</p> <p>The other commenter was opposed to the fee and felt that budget allocations should be sufficient to cover the management of the site.</p>
Federal Register Notice	n/a
Letters to Neighbors	n/a
Congressional Staff Briefing	n/a
County Commissioners Briefing	none
General Customer Contact Feedback	Front Range Resource Advisory Council- several meetings discussed management of the site. The fee proposal was presented at the month, year meeting and a resolution was passed supporting the fee.
Responses from permitted groups	n/a