

BLM Colorado Checklist for Resource Advisory Committee Fee Review

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Briefly describe the purpose of the proposed fee and benefits to the public.

The purpose of this proposal is to establish fees for recreational mineral collection on the Cache Creek parcel. In conjunction with an associated permit system, this fee will provide a source of sustainable support for ongoing programs including enforcement of rules and regulations (law enforcement), reducing impacts to natural resources, information and education (park ranger contacts), and facility maintenance (restroom, dispersed campsites, site access road). The fees will also support the management goals outlined in the Cache Creek Placer Area Management Plan. There is support for the management actions and a general understanding that a fee is necessary to implement these actions so long as the fees go directly to management of the site and permit conditions are enforced.

For yes or no questions where there is only one correct answer under the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), the required answer is marked with a check (✓). Be prepared to document the checked response for Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) review.

1. Are you proposing a *Special Recreation Permit Fee* in connection with the issuance of a permit for specialized recreation uses of Federal recreational lands and waters, such as group activities, recreation events, or motorized recreational vehicle use? If “yes,” Advisory Committee consultation is not required and no proposal is required. YES NO

Note: Although the fee we are proposing is connected with an individual Special Area Special Recreation Permit, we filled out the rest of this sheet for informational purposes, since the determination has been made to take this kind of fee through the Front Range RAC.

2. Is BLM proposing a standard or expanded amenity recreation fee regarding one of the following? Note BLM is not authorized to charge entrance fees.

Standard Amenity Expanded Amenity Special Area Individual SRP

3. Is the proposal for a new fee or to change an existing fee? New Change

4. Describe the fee proposal. Who will be charged? How much will be charged? Etc.

The fee charged will be associated with an Individual Special Recreation Permit in a Special Area for recreational mineral collection within the Cache Creek Placer Area. Users over 16 years of age will be required to obtain a permit to participate in this activity: \$5 for day-use and \$25 for an annual pass valid for the current use season (Memorial Day Weekend to November 30th).

- GROSS COLLECTIONS: Estimated Annual fee receipts. \$ 28,000
 - OVERHEAD: Estimated cost of administration, overhead, collection, and indirect costs associated with the fee? \$ 3,206
 - NET: Subtract *Overhead* from *Gross Collections*. \$ 24,794
 - OVERHEAD PERCENTAGE: Cost of collection as a % of annual fee receipts. *Overhead* divided by *Gross Collections*. 13 %
 - Is the *Overhead* percentage less than 15%? YES NO
5. Does BLM currently charge a fee for the site? YES NO
6. For a **standard amenity fee**, which one or more of the following applies?
- Not applicable.
 - National Conservation Area.
 - A destination visitor or interpretive center that provides a broad range of interpretive services, programs and media.
 - An area that meets all of the following:
 - Significant opportunities for outdoor recreation.
 - Substantial federal investments.
 - Fees can be efficiently collected.
 - Contains all of the following amenities:
 - Designated developed parking
 - Permanent toilet facility
 - Permanent trash receptacle
 - Interpretive sign, or kiosk
 - Picnic tables
 - Security services
7. For an **expanded amenity fee**, which one or more of the following applies?
- Not applicable.
 - Use of developed campgrounds that provide at least 5 of the following:
 - Tent or trailer spaces
 - Picnic tables
 - Drinking water
 - Access roads
 - Fee collection by BLM
 - Reasonable visitor protection
 - Refuse containers
 - Toilet facilities
 - Campfire containment
 - Use of highly developed boat launches with specialized facilities or services.
 - Cabin rentals, trail shelters, boats, stock animals, lookouts, historic structures, group day-use or overnight sites, audio tour devices, or other equipment.
 - Use of hookups for electricity, cable or sewer.
 - Use of sanitary dump stations.
 - Participation in an enhanced interpretive program or special tour.
 - Use of reservation services.
 - Use of transportation services.

- Use of areas where emergency first-aid services are provided from staffed facilities.
 - Use of developed swimming sites that provide at least 4 of the following:
 - Showers and flush toilets
 - Refuse containers.
 - Picnic areas
 - Paved parking
 - Attendants, including lifeguards
 - Floats around swimming area
 - Swimming deck
8. Is the fee commensurate with visitor benefits and services? YES NO
 9. Are locally charged fees by agencies and private sector comparable? YES NO
 10. Does the fee avoid nickel and diming visitors (avoids layered fees)? YES NO
 11. Which of following services does BLM provide at the fee site (must check at least one)?
 - Parking
 - Undesignated parking
 - Picnicking along roads or trails
 12. Is the fee solely for parking, undesignated parking, or picnicking along roads or trailsides? YES NO
 13. Is the fee for general access to the area? YES NO
 14. Is the proposal for an entrance fee to access federal recreation areas? YES NO
 15. Is the fee to access dispersed use areas with little BLM investment? YES NO
 16. Is the fee for driving, walking, boating, horseback riding or hiking through federal recreational lands and waters without using the facilities and services? YES NO
 17. Is the fee for the use of overlooks or scenic pullouts? YES NO
 18. Is the fee to travel over a road commonly used for travel between two places either or both of which are outside any area where recreation fees are charged? YES NO
 19. Is the fee for access to any land where a person has a property right? YES NO
 20. Is the fee for any person with a right of access for hunting or fishing privileges under a specific provision of law or treaty? YES NO
 21. Is the fee for any person engaged in the conduct of official Federal, State, Tribal, or local government business? YES NO
 22. Is the fee for special attention or services for people with disabilities? YES NO
 23. For standard amenity fees only:

- a. Is the fee for any person under 16 years of age? YES NO
- b. Is the fee for non-commercial educational purposes? YES NO
- c. Is the fee for a person engaged in a non-recreational activity under a valid permit issued under other authority (e.g. valid grazing permit)? YES NO
24. Will at least 80% of the recreation fees be spent at the fee site? YES NO
25. Will the fee be accounted for separately from the amounts collected? YES NO
26. Will the fee be used for one or more of the following? YES NO
- Repair, maintenance and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, health and safety.
 - Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments and signs.
 - Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation or photography.
 - Law enforcement related to public use and recreation.
 - Direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program.
27. Will the fee be used for biological monitoring on federal lands and waters under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for listed or candidate species? YES NO
28. Will the fee be used to pay for employee bonuses? YES NO
29. Will your office collect fee data and provide an Annual Report? YES NO
30. Have you developed a business plan to accompany the fee proposal? YES NO
- a. Does the business plan clearly answer the following questions and demonstrate that the fee is consistent with these criteria? YES NO
- Are the fees proportionate to the benefits and services provided to the visitor?
 - What is the aggregate effect of fee on recreation users and service providers?
 - How is the fee comparable to fees charged by other public agencies and nearby private sector operators?
 - What are the public policy or management objectives served by the fee?
 - How does the fee avoid the collection of multiple or layered recreation fees for similar uses, activities, or programs?
- b. Have you attached pictures of the site? YES NO
- c. Have you attached a map showing boundaries and amenities? YES NO
- d. Did you provide a general description of the setting and site (natural resources, natural features, scenic values, recreational attractions, amenities, current/projected visitation, etc.)? YES NO
- e. Public notice, proposal publication, and communication plan? YES NO