

Site Name District: Fee Project #

Field Office
 or Resource Area



Destination Interpretive Visitor Center

Change Summary

Action Requested:

Proposed Fee:
 Implementation Date:
 Expected Annual # of Visits:

Additional Fee Structure:

Current Situation

Date of Last Fee Increase:
 Current Fee:
 Annual # of Visits:

Additional Fee Structure:

Financial Information

Annual O&M:
 Current Revenue:
 Predicted Revenue:
 Difference from Fee Change:

Business Plan Completion Date:

Planned Accomplishments from Fee Changes

Increase Hours of Operation
 Improve facilities / Services
 Reduce Deferred Maintenance
 Maintain Site to Standard

Methods for Informing the Public:

Newspaper or Letter
 Bulletin Board
 Publish in Federal Register
 Web Page
 Meeting
 Other

Reason for Changing Fee

Align fee to local market Add Amenity
 Inflationary Increase Increase / Improve Service

Level of Complexity for Implementation:

Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

BLM will continue to charge a Standard Amenity daily site use fee of \$5.00 at the 4 sites in the Yakima River Canyon Recreation Complex. Overnight visitors will continue to pay a site use fee for each day they are at a particular recreation site. Not having a specific "overnight fee" will continue being confusing to visitors, especially considering the 41 new campsites BLM will be constructing at the Big Pines recreation site. Law enforcement and site management will continue to be complicated as staff try to sort out day use vs. overnight use. BLM sites will continue to be priced below current market value for overnight use. The Yakima Canyon Complex sites will continue to be listed as "Standard Amenity" sites, with developed campsites.

- Reduce Season or Service
- Eliminate Season or Service
- Decommission Site
- Close Site

Public Participation

Have the following tasks been accomplished? Yes

New Fee Minimum Tasks

- Six months advance notice in Federal Register
- Announcement in local media
- Announcements near or in site where fee will be implemented
- Briefing with federal legislators (per WO direction)
- Give people an opportunity to review project plans (if completed) (from Interagency Federal Register Notice)

Fee Change Minimum Tasks

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Other Public Participation Tasks

Public involvement regarding fees will be conducted during the months of March and April 2008. Public involvement will include: onsite postings within the recreation site, public notices placed in the local Ellensburg and Yakima newspapers, and meetings with Kittitas and Yakima County Commissioners.

Public Participation Results

Meetings with Kittitas and Yakima County Commissioners have been done. Responses were favorable towards proposed fee increase.

Brief Description of Project Area

The Bureau of Land Management Yakima River Canyon Recreation Complex is made up of 4 recreation sites located along Highway 821 in the scenic Yakima River Canyon. Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza recreation sites are all river access sites, offering day use and camping opportunities in the 27 mile long canyon between Ellensburg and Yakima, Washington. The Class I Yakima River is a Blue Ribbon trout stream, with abundant wildlife viewing opportunities available. The BLM sites are open year-round, but fees are currently only charged from May 15 through September 15 each year. Maintenance, visitor contact and fee administration is managed by one 6-month seasonal recreation technician, and available field office staff during the off-season. The four sites offer reduced services during winter months.