

A person riding a motorcycle on a dune at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The rider is silhouetted against the bright light of the sunset.

**BLM**  
**Barstow**  
**Field Office**

**Presentation to the  
California Recreation  
Resource Advisory  
Council (RRAC)**

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**DUMONT  
DUNES**

# Proposal Sections

- A. Proposed Fee Schedule**
- B. Special Recreation Permit Fee  
And Description of Dumont Dunes**
- C. Fee Revenues**
- D. Public Outreach (Comments &  
Involvement)**
- E. Questions, Map, Photos**

# A. Proposed Fee Schedule

## Weekly Recreation Pass

**Fees: Currently \$20 per Week; Proposed increase to \$30 per Week, excluding major holiday weekends**

## Annual Recreation Pass

**Fees: Currently \$60; Proposed increase to \$90, excluding major holiday weekends**

## Additional Holiday Charge

**Fees: Currently none: Propose \$10 per holiday week or \$30 for all holidays for the year.**

# Current Funding

- Nearly \$400,000 annually in Fees
- Challenge Cost Share
- Capital Improvement / Deferred Maintenance
- Grants – none awarded for 2007/8 for operations, maintenance or law enforcement



## B. Special Recreation Permit Fees

- (h) *Special Recreation Permit Fee.*--The Secretary may issue a special recreation permit, and charge a special recreation permit fee in connection with the issuance of the permit, for specialized recreation uses of Federal recreational lands and waters, such as group activities, recreation events, motorized recreational vehicle use.

# B. Description of Dumont Dunes

- 10,500 acres
- Steep, sharp, treacherous dunes
- 130,000-150,000 visitors
- Peak visitation on holidays





**Dumont Dunes**

# Dunes Assets

Information Center / Medical Aid Trailer

Rescue and Law Enforcement Sand Rails

12 CXT Vault Toilets

Informational Kiosk

# C: BLM Revenues

## Services Provided Using Fee Revenues :

park rangers	law enforcement rangers
Maintenance staff	Planning & engineering staff
fee collection officers	Management & administration
Volunteer coordinator	Medical Aid Staff

Additional law enforcement, medical aid, maintenance, fee collection, and park ranger staff on holiday weekends

Road maintenance, camping area maintenance  
Toilet maintenance, including pump out, painting  
Heavy equipment and vehicle use and maintenance  
Volunteer campground host stipend  
Medical supplies  
Brochure printing  
signing



# D. Public Outreach

California Desert Advisory Council established a Technical Review Team (TRT) to advise the Barstow Field Office about fees related to Dumont Dunes. The Barstow Field Office meets regularly with the TRT. The TRT developed the fee structure and supports the fee increase.

The TRT includes members that represent various user groups. These members inform the groups they represent of the issues and invite the user groups to attend the TRT meetings. Several members of the public have attended TRT meetings when the proposed fee increase was discussed. The proposed fee increase has been discussed on many user group INTERNET sites.

# Public Notice and Involvement

BLM efforts to manage public lands and resources in the Barstow Field Office Area have included consistent contact with the general public, and user groups, to ensure the public is provided with safe and enjoyable recreation experiences

BLM maintains a working relationship and open communication with the Friends of Dumont Dunes , the American Sand Association, and the Dumont Dune Riders user group. Each of these groups will post information on their web pages and inform users of issues relating to Dumont Dunes, including fee increases.

BLM will place advertisements in local newspapers about the fee increase.

The fee increase will be posted on-site.

BLM is also selling passes with outside vendors. These vendors will also inform recreational users of the fee increase.

# Questions

An aerial photograph of a dune buggy race on sand dunes. Five buggies are visible, each with a driver wearing a helmet and racing gear. The buggies are in various colors: red, blue, yellow, and white. They are moving diagonally across the frame, leaving tracks in the sand. The background shows the undulating ridges of sand dunes under a clear sky.

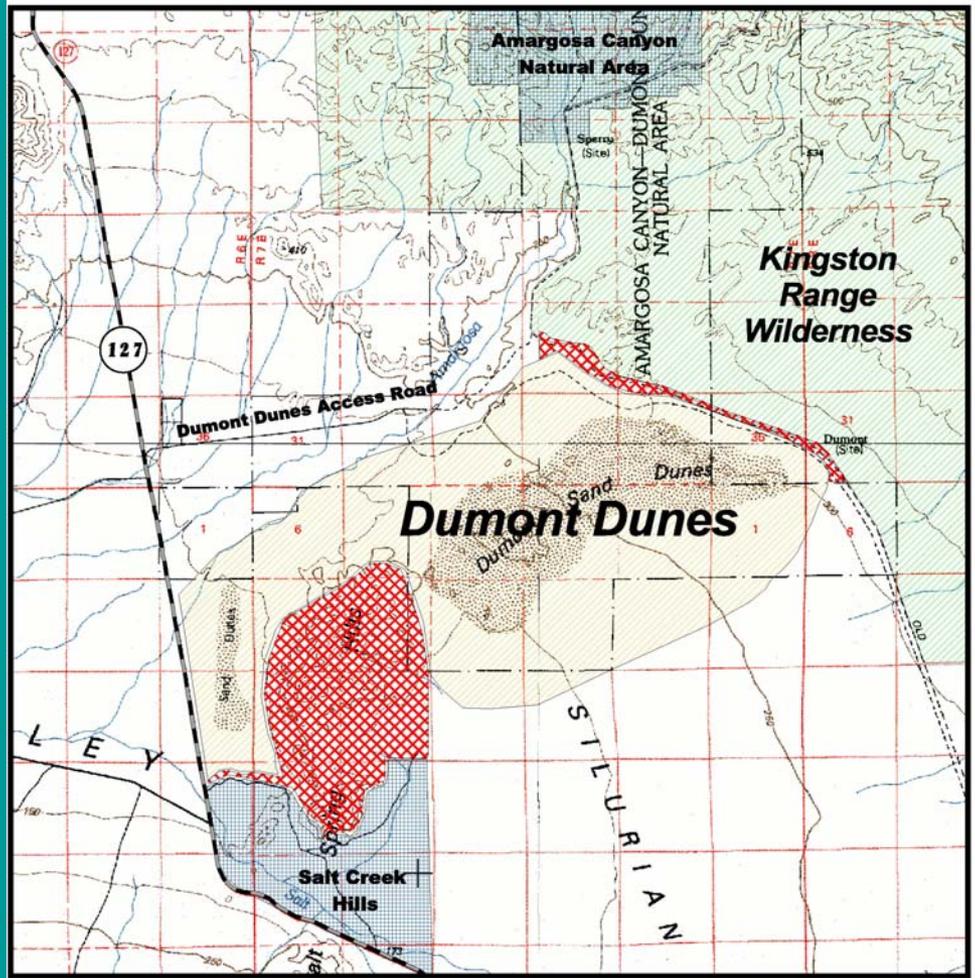
## Attachments:

- Where are the Dunes located
- What does the site look like

37 Miles North of Baker California  
Adjacent to the eastern boundary of  
Death Valley National Park at  
Highway SR 127

South and West of the Kingston  
Range Wilderness

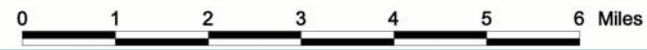
North of the Salt Creek Hills ACEC



### Dumont Dunes OHV Area



- Highway
- Hotspot
- ACEC
- Wilderness
- OHV Area





**New and Improved Water Crossing**



Dumont Road at SR127

# One Way IN - One Way Out Dumont Road





Fee Collection Area



Top of the world



Medical Assistance Station

# POPULATION CENTERS IN PROXIMITY TO DUMONT DUNES

- LA – 14 MILLION
- VICTOR & ANTELOPE VALLEY – 300,000
- LAS VEGAS & PAHRUMP, NV – 600,000