

**USDA FOREST SERVICE**  
**RECREATIONAL FEE PROGRAM**  
**FY 05 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FOREST NAME: PIKE & SAN ISABEL, CIMARRON & COMANCHE**

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**TOTAL REC FEE RECEIPTS: \$296713.46**

**TOTAL REC FEE EXPENSES: \$228713.79**

Golden Passports: \$4,831.00

Golden Passports: \$0.00

Recreation Fees: \$120390.00

Recreation Fees: \$146667.00

Recreation Special Uses: \$171492.46

Recreation Special Uses: \$82046.76

**BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERALL DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF SITES AND SERVICES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR FOREST'S PROGRAM – CAMPGROUNDS, CABINS, HIRAS, TOURS, VISITOR CENTERS, SPECIAL USES PERMITS, ETC.)**

This is a unit wide report for the Pike & San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands. On these units we have four(4) historic properties that are available for overnight rental. These sites provide equestrian facilities, railroad history, winter recreation opportunities and back-country opportunities. Work continues to add two (2) additional sites to the program in 2006 and one in 2007.

There are Christmas Tree sales on three (3) of our ranger Districts. This year 12,500 tree permits were sold. One local Volunteer Fire Department schedules their major fund-raiser to coincide with the Christmas tree sale weekend.

The Comanche National Grassland is home to the Picket Wire Canyonlands, home to the longest set of known dinosaur tracks in the United States. In 2005, 19 auto tours were taken down into the canyon, giving approximately 550 people the opportunity to see the dinosaur tracks and other historical features. These tours are operated for us by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, the greater Arkansas River Nature Association.

The PSICC is also home to 71 recreation events and 232 O & G permits. In 2005 The Forest created a large project pool with the 10% on the ground requirement. These funds were rolled over to FY 06. Approximately \$15,000 worth of signing was purchased and installed at trailheads used by our outfitter and guides. Several priority use permits were issued, addressing the backlog.

**FEE SCHEDULE (IF CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR)**

No changes to fees.

**SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR (PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES THAT ADDRESSES THE ENTIRE FOREST'S PROGRAM SUCH AS CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS, VISITOR SERVICES, ETC.)**

Projects/activities Planned for Next Year

The cabin rental program will continue to expand. Two new sites, Crescent Mining Camp and Dawson Cabin will be added to the program. Work has begun on Brown's Cabin, to add it to the program in 2007. The Forest is also exploring the possibility of turning this program over to the Western Heritage Enterprise team. Hutchinson-Barnet and Woods cabin will be prepared for 2007 inclusion. As in last we put a paid ad in the "Colorado Camps" magazine to advertise the cabin rental program.

The Picket Wire tours are an expanding program. In 2006 we hope to add plant identification signs along the trail, since questions about plant names are frequent questions. Invasive weed treatment is another priority, especially Puncture Vine or “goatheads.”

Adding the tours to the NRRS reservation system is also being explored to alleviate the responsibility of handling money from the District.

During fiscal 2005 the PSICC administered 71-recreation event permits and 232-outfitter and guide permits. The 10% requirement for “on-the-ground” spending was carried over to FY06. In FY06 we are planning a large multi-unit sign order that will address both outfitter and guide us as well as signing for the new OHV rule at facilities used by the guides.



Visitors in Picket Wire Canyon



Robert's Cabin, the most heavily used.



Rockdale Cabin, added to program in 2006.



A successful trip.



Smokey with visitors at the tree sale area.

HAVE YOU REVIEWED/UPDATED THE CRIA?  NO  YES

HOW WERE RESULTS MONITORED AGAINST BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION/CRIA PLAN OBJECTIVES?

**WAS THE BUSINESS PLAN MODIFIED THIS YEAR?**  **NO**    **YES (DESCRIBE BELOW)**

The business plan for the Historic Cabin rentals is in the process of being updated as part of the transfer of this program to the Western Heritage Enterprise Team.