

**COLORADO RECREATION RESOURCE ADVISORY
FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT
NEW FEE OR FEE CHANGE
PROPOSAL FORM**

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Name of Project Area/Site: Arapaho National Recreation Area

Project Contact Person: Brad Orr and Dan Matthews

Position Title & Phone #: Recreation Program Mgr and ANRA Mgr 970-887-4100

Forest: Arapaho-Roosevelt County: Grand

Ranger District: Sulphur Congressional District: 2

BLM Field Office

Site Type (Cabin, Campground, Area, etc): High Impact Recreation Area

Capacity: 5,800 PAOT Season of Use: All Year

Fee Type: Standard Amenity Expanded Amenity Special Rec. Permit

Proposed Action: New fee Change of fee

Existing Fee: \$ (see table below)

Proposed Fee: \$

ANRA Existing Fees	ANRA Proposed Fees
\$5 per vehicle for 1 day / \$2 non-motorized	Eliminate this pass
\$10 per vehicle for 3 days / \$5 non-mot.	\$10 per vehicle for 3 days / \$5 non-mot.
\$15 per vehicle for 7 days / \$10 non-mot.	Eliminate this pass
\$30 for ANRA annual pass *	\$25 for ANRA annual pass**
\$50 for combined ANRA/RMNP pass	\$50 for combined ANRA/RMNP pass
\$80 for Interagency pass	\$80 for Interagency pass
\$10 for senior pass for life	\$10 for senior pass for life
* Purchasers of the ANRA annual, combined, and Interagency passes receive a wallet card that may be displayed in their vehicle. In addition, 4 free window stickers are available with proof of vehicle ownership for holder, spouse, and dependent children. Additional stickers may be obtained for \$1 each at the Sulphur Ranger District.	** Purchasers of the ANRA annual, combined, and Interagency passes receive a wallet card that may be displayed in their vehicle. Holders of ANRA annual and combined passes may purchase up to 7 window stickers for \$2 each (proof of ownership required). Holders of Interagency passes who purchase their pass at the Sulphur Ranger District may receive 4 free window stickers and up to 3 additional stickers for \$2 each (proof of ownership required)
Visitors under the age of 16 are free under existing as well as proposed fee systems.	

Date of last fee increase: Fees established 2001, no increases since

Summary of **benefits** the public receives or will receive:

- Lake safety patrol. Patrol boats owned and operated by Forest Service.
- Water surface hazard marking and control of lake access and use.
- Responsible for water quality and coordination with water agencies.
- Courtesy docks at boat ramps.
- Enhanced facility maintenance and cleaning.
- Interpretive services and enhanced security. Protection and management of wildlife habitats.

Facilities/Amenities Checklist (check all that apply, list each site separately):

Site type	Site name	parking	toilet	trash	interp	tables	security
Campground	Stillwater	Y	F	Y	C	Y	Y
	Green Ridge	Y	F	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Sunset Point and overflow	Y	V	Y	N	Y	Y
	Willow Creek	Y	V	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Arapaho Bay	Y	V	Y	N	Y	Y
	Cutthroat Bay	Y	V	Y	N	Y	Y
Picnic Site	Willow C.C.	Y	V	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Rainbow Bay	Y	C	Y	C	Y	Y
	Quinette Point	Y	V	Y	N	Y	Y
	Pine Beach	Y	V	N	Y	Y	Y
	Shadow Mt.	Y	F	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Double A Barn	Y	V	Y	C	Y	Y
	Point Park	Y	F	Y	N	Y	Y
Trailhead	Junco	Y	V	C	Y	C	Y
	Monarch	Y	V	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Doe Creek	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
	East Shore	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
	Roaring Fork	Y	C	C	N	N	Y
	Shadow Dam	Y	C	C	Y	N	Y
Boating Site	Green Ridge	Y	F	Y	N	Y	Y
	Hilltop	Y	F	Y	N	N	Y
	Stillwater	Y	V	Y	N	N	Y
	Sunset Point	Y	V	Y	N	Y	Y
	Arapaho Bay	Y	C	C	N	N	Y
	Willow Creek	Y	V	Y	N	Y	Y
Total Y's	25	25	19	18	8	17	25
%		100	76	72	32	64	100

Y = amenity on site
C = amenity in vicinity
N = amenity not available
F = flush toilet
V = Vault toilet

Other Amenities: Garbage Removal, Paved Access Road, Drinking Water, Information/Directional signs, Shower/Bath House, Tent Pads, Electricity, RV Hookups, Fire Rings/Grills, Other
Courtesy docks, fishing platform, boat ramps, ranger-led guided tours, ranger-led campfire programs, bird-watching telescopes, renovated barn for meetings and parties, volunteer salmon spawning project, ice-fishing tournaments, ice golf events, private and association boat dock permits, full-service marinas, environmental education programs, shoreline cleanup, Independence Day water-based fireworks viewing, historic site with staffed information center, designated vehicle-accessed dispersed camping, boat-accessed dispersed camping, non-motorized boat zones for viewing aquatic birds, amphitheater, gin poles for sail boats, sanitation dump stations, approximately 30 miles of trails.

Photo(s):



Map (HIRA's show boundaries and ID amenities): HIRA maps are provided as separate documents with this form.

Setting & General Description (include description of the site, natural resources/features, scenic values, recreational attractions, amenities, current/projected visitation, etc.):

The ANRA is the only National Recreation Area in the state of Colorado administered by the Forest Service. It consists of 36,000 acres of mountains, forests, and lakes served by marinas, campgrounds, trails and many other amenities. The outstanding feature is five lakes including Lake Granby, the second largest reservoir in Colorado. Major recreational activities include boating, fishing, camping, and hiking. The ANRA provides access to the Indian Peaks Wilderness and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. The Colorado River and its tributaries flow through the ANRA and provide important habitat for bald eagles and ospreys. Many areas within the ANRA are protected habitat.

NRHP Eligibility (Cabins/Structures): Archeologist's concurrence: Y N

Comments:

N/A

2. CURRENT AND PROJECTED REVENUES and ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS

See Attachment A: Revenue/Cost projection spreadsheet.

Current Revenues (2007)

1-day passes @ \$5 each	3-day passes @ \$10 each	7-day passes @ \$15 each	Annual passes @ \$30 each	Interagency passes @ \$80
18,600 vehicles	5,600 vehicles	730 vehicles	2,500 vehicles	412 vehicles
\$93,000	\$56,000	\$11,000	\$75,000	\$33,000

The 5-category total: 27,842 vehicles or paying units for total revenue of **\$268,000**.

Projected Revenues

1-day passes @ \$5 each	3-day passes @ \$10 each	7-day passes @ \$15.00 each	Annual passes @ \$25.00 each	Interagency passes @ \$80
0 vehicles	22,800 vehicles	0 vehicles	4630 vehicles	412
0	\$228,000	0	\$115,750	\$33,000

The total of the three fee categories in the table above: **\$376,750**.

Expense item	2007 Actual Budget	Proposed Budget
Crew Leader	33,216	51,250
Crew Members	109,410	115,000
Law Enforcement Officer	5,000	5,000
Other personnel costs	1,000	7,000
Vehicles	22,198	52,000
Facilities development	2,300	30,000
Fee machines	13,968	18,000
Signs	1,585	3,000
Printing	0	1,000
Brochures and maps	0	2,000
Boats and snowmobiles	13,693	18,000
Supplies	12,000	15,000
Collection & accounting	1,300	2,000
Miscellaneous	6,437	12,000
Resource protection	21,115	15,000
Electric service	4,000	5,000
Telephone service	4,500	5,000
Dock rental	1,500	1,500
Toilet rental/pumping	3,500	4,000
Trash collection contract	11,278	12,000
Water and sewer	0	3,000
TOTAL	268,000	376,750

3. COST OF BACKLOG WORK NEEDS:

Roads/Parking Areas:	\$_500,000
Building/Facilities:	\$_2,000,000
Water/Waste water Systems:	\$_100,000
Associated Trails:	\$_100,000
Signs:	\$_20,000
Other (list): landscape-reveg.	\$_250,000
Total:	\$_2,970,000

4. FEE COLLECTION METHOD AND ESTIMATED FEE COLLECTION COSTS

Method: There are a variety of ways and locations where visitors may pay the standard amenity fee. Eleven automated fee machines are located through-out the ANRA. Passes may be purchased in person from the district office, 3 staffed information stations inside the ANRA, one local Chamber of Commerce, and from the campground concessionaire. Passes may also be obtained through the mail.

Costs: Costs of collection fall into two categories: Salaries of employees who collect, process, and deposit collections, and: Payments to the fee machine company to provide support services for the operation and maintenance of the machines. Fee collection duties of employees are collateral duties. Collecting and handling fees is only one part of their jobs. Our estimate of employee costs for collecting fees is \$20,000. The annual payments to the fee machine company are approximately \$14,000. Total costs are approximately **\$34,000.**

Note: No collection costs are incurred for sites under the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS).

5. FEE DETERMINATION PROCESS SUMMARY

Fair Market Value Comparison (compare similar fees at other FS, state, federal, or private recreation sites in the area with similar facilities & services):

Facility type(s): Rocky Mountain National Park

Number of facilities compared: Standard Amenity Fee

Proximity to project area: Adjacent

Price range: \$20 per vehicle for 7 days, \$35 for annual pass.
Selected fee and method: Comparative analysis.

Comments: None

6. PLANNED USE OF FEES RETURNED TO SITE (list by priority; include daily O&M if appropriate; add to list if appropriate)

1. _Manage lake surface and boating.
2. _Cleaning facilities especially restrooms
3. _Paying utilities: trash collection, water, sewer, electricity
4. _Protecting habitats and seasonal closures
5. _Providing interpretive and educational services

7. CUSTOMER/PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MECHANISM TYPES

- Site Monitoring
- Customer Survey Card
- Comment Log / Cabin Guest Book
- Newspaper Articles
- Website Listing
- E-mails
- Direct Mail
- Personal Contacts
- On-site Posting
- Other (list): _

See Attachment B: Summary of Public Involvement for details.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RESULTS

See Attachment B: Summary of Public Involvement for details.

9. ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS

List and reference additional information (documents) that can be provided upon request to document this project proposal and the public response.

Maps of ANRA HIRA

Business Plan Amendment

10. PROJECT SUBMITTAL & CERTIFICATION

Project Submittal:

This recreation site is already, or being submitted for inclusion as, a fee site under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). This proposal has been reviewed by representatives on the unit. I understand that any reservations must be made through the NRRS system. I also fully understand and agree to comply with the accounting and reporting requirements necessary to participate in the fee program.

/s/ Glenn Casamassa
Forest Supervisor/ BLM Field Manager

May 7, 2008
Date

Project Certification:

This recreation site is already, or is now forwarded as, a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is forwarded to the RRAC for their review under REA.

/s/ Paul E. Cruz
Recreation Fee Board Chair

May 12, 2008
Date

BLM Washington Office Review ___Y ___N

RRAC Project Recommendation:

This site and proposed fee schedule is ___ / is not ___ recommended as a fee site.
This recreation site is already a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is ___ / is not ___ recommended to the Secretary for acceptance under REA.

Colorado Recreation RAC Chair

Date

Project Acceptance:

This site and proposed fee schedule is ___ / is not ___ accepted as, a fee site.
This recreation site is already a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is ___ / is not ___ accepted by the Secretary under REA.

Regional Forester/BLM State Director

Date