BLM seeks comment on fee increase request

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KINGMAN - The Bureau of Land Management Kingman Field Office recreation staff has proposed raising camping fees at three northwestern Arizona campgrounds and is asking for public comment on the proposed price increases.

BLM Kingman has published the Draft Kingman Amenity Fee Sites Business Plan which explains how fees have been spent in the past and how the Kingman Field Office plans to use fee revenues in the future.

As detailed in the Draft Business Plan, the Burro Creek Campground individual sites would go from $10 per night to $14 and group sites would increase from $30 to $50. Wild Cow Springs Campground individual sites would change from $5 per night to $8 and group sites from $15 to $20. At Windy Point Campground individual sites would go from $4 to $8.

“Increasing camping fees is one of the least popular things we do,” said BLM Kingman Resources Manager Jackie Neckels. “But, cutting services such as supplying running water, garbage pickup, and offering dump stations - is equally unpopular.”

“We've been able to hold fees at the same rate for 10 years,” Neckels continued. “Increases in the costs of labor and fuel have finally forced us to look at increasing the rates. Our proposed fee changes are commensurate with fees charged at campgrounds with similar amenities within a 150-mile radius of Kingman. We would like to hear from people about their thoughts on the proposed fee changes and the priorities for how those fees will be spent at the recreation sites.”

The Draft Business Plan is available online at www.az.blm.gov or just type BLM Kingman Field Office into an Internet search engine. The document may be reviewed at the Kingman Field Office at 2755 Mission Blvd. in Kingman; or a hard copy may be mailed to interested parties by contacting Bruce Asbjorn or Len Marceau at 928-718-3700.

Comments on the Draft Business Plan will be accepted until April 30.