WEB EXTRA: Proposed Dunes fee increase delayed
BLM wants more conversation first

Off-roading enthusiasts won’t be burdened with additional recreation fees, at least not until the general public has their say. The Bureau of Land Management’s El Centro Field Office announced on Friday that they’ve withdrawn their proposal to increase permit fees. Officials were originally scheduled to present their plan on May 13th to the California Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, but now they believe more public input is necessary before they move forward.

The delay does not mean that any form of fee increase has been scratched altogether. BLM officials say that raising the costs will be necessary in the near future, but the people should have the right to help shape an appropriate level of increase.

For more information about the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation area, you’re encouraged to visit the official BLM website at www.ca.blm.gov.