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Fee hikes proposed for Pumphouse, Radium

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KREMMLING, Colorado — The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment on its proposal to adjust the fee structure at the popular Pumphouse and Radium recreation areas on the Upper Colorado River.

BLM is proposing to increase the day-use fee for the first time since the fee program began in this area in 1998 to off-set inflation and rising costs of maintenance and operations.

The day-use fee at these areas for private users would increase from $3 to $4 per vehicle per day. The commercial day-use fee would be raised from $1 to $1.25 per person per day. The season pass would be raised from $15 to $20.

BLM anticipates making its decision on this proposal this spring. Fee increases must also be approved by the Colorado Recreation Resource Advisory Council.

Pumphouse and Radium recreation areas provide access points to the Colorado River. An estimated 60,000 people use the areas annually. Day-use fees generated $48,000 last year. The annual operating cost of these areas is $164,000.

Comments will be most helpful if they are received by Nov. 30.

They can be sent to kfo_webmail@blm.gov or to Hannah Schechter, PO Box 68, Kremmling, CO 80459. For more information log onto http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/kfo.html or call Hannah Schechter 970-724-3008.