This special area qualifies as a site wherein visitors can be charged a fee in conjunction with a Recreation Use Permit (RUP or Permit), authorized under Section 803(b) of the FLREA, 16 U.S.C. 6802(b). In accordance with the FLREA and implementing regulations at 43 CFR 2930, visitors will obtain an RUP upon arrival at the site.

Permits/day-use passes will be available at a cost of $6 per vehicle and will be valid from dawn to dusk. The day-use pass will be available for purchase during the summer season (May 15 to September 30). As a standard amenity site within the National System of Public Lands, the fee will be waived on dates specified as fee-free days by the BLM. All applicable Federal Recreational Lands Passes will be accepted. All fees collected will be used to enhance visitor experiences, address environmental impacts and manage conflicting uses at Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area.

The BLM has notified and involved the public at each stage of the planning process, including the proposal to collect fees. The BLM posted the Guffey Gorge Business Plan in May 2016, which outlined operational goals of the area and the purpose of the fee program. The Rocky Mountain (formerly Front Range) RAC considered the proposal at its August 19, 2016, meeting and recommended approval. Future adjustments in the fee amount will be made in accordance with the Business Plan and through consultation with the RAC and the public prior to a fee increase. FLREA fee revenue and how the revenue is spent will be posted online. The recreation fee program is in accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Utah RAC will hold a public meeting on December 11 and 12, 2017. On December 11, the RAC will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A field tour of the Indian Creek area is scheduled on December 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. On December 12, the RAC will meet from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The meeting will be held at the Hideout Community Center, 648 Hideout Way, Monticello, Utah, 84535. Field tour participants will depart from the Hideout Community Center, Monticello, Utah. Written comments may be sent to the BLM Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. Written comments may also be sent to the BLM Utah State Office at the address listed in the ADDRESS section of this notice. On December 11, 2017, the RAC will have a field tour of the Indian Creek area to gain familiarity with BLM issues in southeast Utah, including recreation uses, travel management, and partnerships.

The meeting and field tour are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating individuals.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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