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National Park Service Seeks Comment on Proposal to Increase Entrance Fees at Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

Gunnison, CO: The National Park Service is seeking comment on a proposal to increase entrance fees at Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Fees would increase from \$15 per vehicle for a 1-7 day pass to \$25. Individual per person passes (hiker, bicycle, etc.) would increase from \$7/person to \$12. Annual passes would rise from \$30 to \$50. Campground fees would remain at current levels. Entrance fees are not charged to persons under 16 years of age or holders of the following passes: America the Beautiful, the National Parks and Federal Recreational Annual, Senior, Access, Military or Volunteer. These passes are available at the park.

Under the authority of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, Black Canyon retains 80% of the recreation fees collected. Fee revenues from entrance stations and campgrounds have provided funding for many projects and staff hires since 2010. All of the projects focused on improvements to visitor services, facilities, and visitor safety. Recent examples include replacing outdoor lighting, replacing signs on park roads, providing campground operations and paving of rv/bus parking near the visitor center.

“We are committed to keeping the park affordable, but we also want to provide visitors with the best possible experience,” said Superintendent Bruce Noble.

The public comment period is open for 30 days from June 5 through July 4. Please access the National Park Service planning website to comment: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/blca>. Written comments can also be accepted by mail to Superintendent, Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP, 102 Elk Creek, Gunnison, CO 81230. You may also comment through our website (www.nps.gov/blca). Look for the “Contact Us” link on the bottom of the home page, then look for the email link.

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