



United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
CASA GRANDE RUINS NATIONAL MONUMENT
1100 W. Ruins Drive
Coolidge, Arizona 85128

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Dear Interested Party:

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, as well as other National Park Service (NPS) units that collect entrance and recreation fees from park visitors, is beginning public engagement to seek comments on possible changes in park/recreation fees. Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is proposing increases to its entrance fees. Current fees have been in place since 2006.

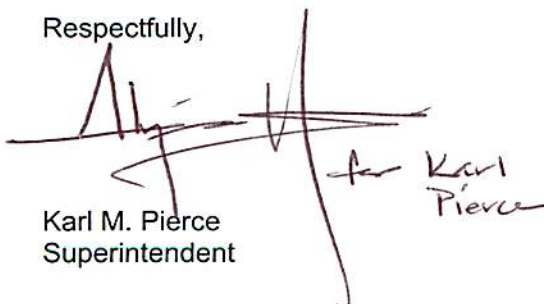
Under the authority of Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument retains 100% of the recreation fees collected at the monument. Fee revenues from entrance stations have provided funding for many projects and non-permanent staffing since 2010. All of the projects funded by fee revenues have focused on improvements to visitor services, facilities, and visitor safety. Past examples include the construction of the new theater at the park visitor center, the repaving of the visitor center parking area, a new park movie, ruins stabilization and preservation program, and new wayside exhibits, which are used by visitors to the monument every day.

The NPS entrance fee rate schedule has been updated for all national park units. Casa Grande Ruins National Monument currently charges a per person fee of 5 dollars (\$5.00) for adults, ages 16 and over. The updated entrance fee rate schedule for 2018 proposes an increase of 5 dollars (\$5.00), bringing the total rate to 10 dollars (\$10.00) per person, age 16 or older. Prices of interagency passes will not be affected and holders of these passes will still receive free entry into the monument. If supported by civic engagement, the proposed increased entrance fees would allow parks to invest in the improvements necessary to provide the best possible park experience for visitors.

The public comment period is open for 30 days from September 21 through October 21. The public has been invited to access the National Park Service planning website to comment: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cagr>. Written comments can also be accepted by mail to Superintendent, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, 1100 W. Ruins Drive, Coolidge, AZ 85128. The public may also comment through our website (www.nps.gov/cagr). Or, they may stop by our visitor center to fill out a visitor comment form. Following the comment period, public feedback will be analyzed to determine how, or whether, the proposed fee increase would be implemented.

Please feel free to contact me at tel. 520-723-7209 or Karl_Pierce@nps.gov if you have any questions, or would like to discuss any details.

Respectfully,



Karl M. Pierce
Superintendent