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To Whom It May Concern:

Each year a Reimbursable Cost Analysis and Proposed Cost Recovery Proposal is prepared for Grand Canyon National Park's Filming Program. This analysis is developed to determine recovery costs for the Park's Filming Program in compliance with 16 U.S.C.3a which authorizes the National Park Service to recover and retain costs associated with managing special park uses. The Cost Recovery Proposal is based on cost recovery projections for the Filming Program for operating year 2008.

This analysis and cost recovery plan will be subject to periodic review and updates.

Upon completion of the 2008 Cost Recovery Analysis, it has been determined that it is necessary to increase our administrative and hourly fees. This is the first increase in cost recovery for Grand Canyon's Filming Program in four years. These fees are designed to be fair; and are based on the cost to the government to manage this activity in the park, the value of the service to the recipient; public policy or interest served; and other relevant facts. The new fees are outlined below.

The \$100 non refundable application fee will remain as is.

\$100 non-refundable Application Fee - A \$100 non-refundable application fee must accompany each filming application. This fee is based on an average of two hours to provide initial review of an application. Since some projects require more than two hours to consider and others take less, the \$100 application fee is an average cost for the initial time involved in reviewing a project. The fee includes time spent answering initial inquiries, initial review of an application, and basic technical consultation. If this process takes longer than 2 hours, a fee of \$80 per hour per staff member management fee will apply in addition to the initial \$100 application fee.

The Administrative Fee has been changed from \$250 to \$300.

\$300 Administrative Fee- Once a request is approved, this fee covers the costs associated with issuing a simple permit. This includes, but is not limited to, processing fees, permit development, consultations with the permittee, managerial and/or technical consultations and billing. This fee covers a maximum of four hours administrative time needed to process a simple permit. Any administrative time needed above and beyond four hours to issue and manage a permit will be charged an hourly fee of \$80 per hour.

The hourly fee has been changed from \$70 to \$80 per hour.

Hourly Management Fee- A \$80 per hour rate applies primarily under the following conditions:

(1) **Monitoring-**Filming activities authorized by permit may require continuous, on-site supervision by the NPS to assure full compliance with all conditions of the permit. Monitoring will be charged at the rate of \$80 per hour per staff member with a minimum of two hours per staff member, per day. The scope and complexity of the filming activity will determine the level and type of supervision. Fees may include travel time for employees involved between filming location(s) and employee duty station(s).

(2) **Interviews-** All interviews of park personnel will be assessed at the hourly rate. This will not apply to pre-approved filming or photographing of NPS staff members performing their regularly scheduled work activities.

(3) **Scouting-** If a permittee requests a scouting trip with or by the Filming Permits Coordinator; staff time will be assessed at a rate of \$80 per hour.

(4) **Extended Administrative Time-** This fee covers additional administrative time needed beyond the maximum four hours covered by the \$300 Administrative Fee. This rate does not preclude any of the other fees and is applied per hour, per staff member. Any filming activity that is particularly complex is subject to the \$80 hourly fee.

Location Fees will remain the same.

Location Fees - Beginning May 15, 2006, the NPS began charging location fees for filming. Public Law 106-206, codified at 16 U.S.C. 4601-6d, instructs the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to “establish a reasonable fee for commercial filming activities or similar projects on Federal lands...” On April 13, 2006 the NPS published a final rule in the Federal Register removing the prohibition against the NPS charging a fee “for the making of motion pictures, television productions or sound tracks...” This action requires the NPS to charge a location fee for all commercial filming and still photography permits. The location fee is in addition to cost recovery charges that are currently being collected.

The current NPS Location Fee Schedule is as follows:

Motion Pictures/Videos	
1 - 2 people camera & tripod only	zero
1 - 10 people	\$150/day
11 - 30 people	\$250/day
31 - 49 people	\$500/day
Over 50 people	\$750/day

Commercial Still Photography	
1 - 2 people camera & tripod only	zero
1 - 10 people	\$ 50/day
11 - 30 people	\$150/day
Over 30 people	\$250/day

For any further questions on fees please refer to The Filming Guidelines located on our website at www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/filming.htm or phone the Filming Permits Coordinator, Diana Pennington at (928) 638-7602.

Sincerely,

Steve Martin
Superintendent