

## National monument fees to increase

Starting Thursday, Oct. 1, the Flagstaff area national monuments — Sunset Crater Volcano, Walnut Canyon and Wupatki — will increase entrance fees for visitors to fund maintenance and improvement projects.

Under the new fee structure, Walnut Canyon will increase from \$5 to \$8 per person for a seven-day pass.

Sunset Crater Volcano and Wupatki national monuments, which currently charge \$5 for a seven-day pass, will be instituting a fee of \$20 per vehicle for a seven-day pass good for both monuments. This will be a flat rate, regardless of the number of passengers.

Sunset Crater Volcano and Wupatki national monuments will be instituting a \$10 per-person rate for those arriving by foot or by bicycle and a \$15 rate for those arriving by motorcycle.

The Flagstaff Area National Monuments Annual Pass will increase from \$25 to \$40. This pass allows unlimited visits to all three monuments for one year

from purchase. The Wupatki Crack-in-Rock program will increase from \$50 to \$75 per person.

“This modest increase in fees will allow us to continue to protect, preserve and share the special places at the Flagstaff area national monuments with current visitors and future generations,” said Flagstaff area monuments Superintendent Kayci Cook Collins. “After carefully considering the impact of a fee increase on visitors and community members, we came to the conclusion that this is the right course of action.”

Entrance fees support park and visitor experiences, including rehabilitating trails and trailhead signs, developing and installing exhibits in visitor centers, improving park water systems, providing ranger-led programs, and improving ADA accessibility. Additional revenue will help to enhance and improve visitor facilities, increase interpretive opportunities and conduct preservation and protection of resources.