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BLM Alaska Recreation

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BLM Alaska Recreation Overview

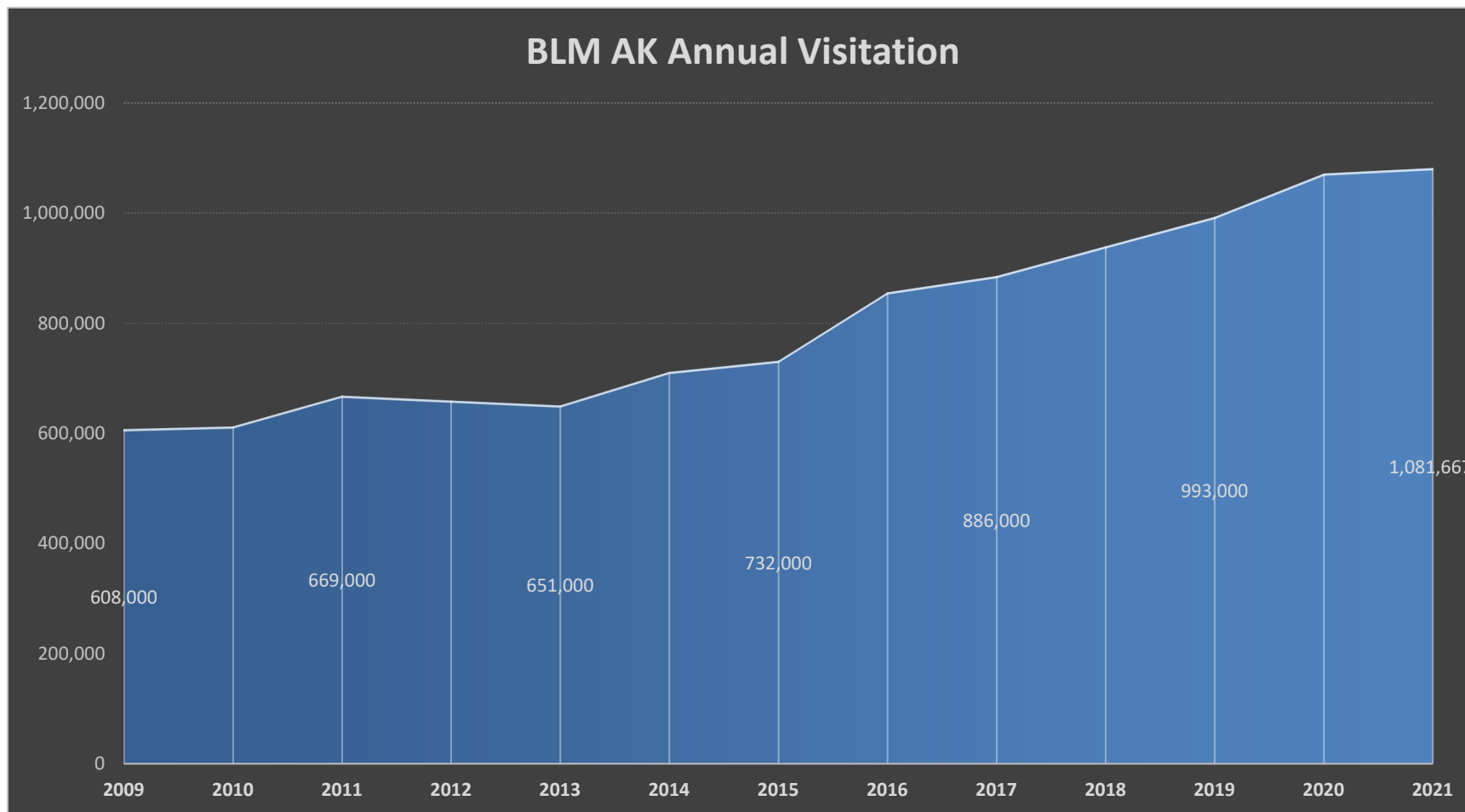
- One state office program lead
- BLM's 2nd most mileage of Wild and Scenic Rivers (952 miles)
- Recreation occurs all times of the year
- Remote lands
- Accessibility is priority



Birch Creek WSR in Steese NCA



Visitation Continues to Increase



*Data Source: BLM - Recreation Management Information System (RMIS)



Summer 2021 Highlights

- ⚡ Tangle Lakes Restoration
- ⚡ Pinnell Mountain Trail repairs
- ⚡ Hunter Outreach
- ⚡ Slana 17(b) easement work
- ⚡ Campbell Tract Facility Improvements
- ⚡ Arctic Campground Renovation



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Tangle Lakes Restoration

Glennallen Field Office



This hillside serves as the entrance to the Tangle Lakes Campground and is also within the Delta Wild and Scenic River corridor. Per the WSR, careful work has to be done to protect the original values which caused the WSR to be established, and to ensure that further erosion or damage is not done. SCA crews and agreements with GFO.



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Pinnell Mountain National Recreation Trail

Fairbanks District Office



PMT was designated in 1971, 2021 marked the 50th anniversary. During the 2020 RC-860 recreation caribou hunt, the trail was subject to significant hunter pressure and OHV, resulting in damage on significant portions of the PMT.



Hunter Outreach



BLM worked with multiple partners and volunteers to repair and improve the trail and provide education during the 2021 hunt to reduce future impact.



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Slana River 17(b) easement

Glennallen Field Office



This is ongoing project work with ADF&G to identify and clearly mark 17(b) trailheads, trails, and public land boundaries along 17(b) trails. 17(b) easements are rights reserved under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide access to public land across private Native land.



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Campbell Tract Facility

Anchorage Field Office



CTF partnered with AK Trails and the MOA YEP crews to spread over 200 cubic yards of gravel, brush over 3 miles of trails, improve TH fencing, and paint bridge and trail structures.



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Arctic Circle Campground Renovation

Fairbanks District Office



Total cost was \$1.3 million. Project awarded through a BLM contract to a local construction vendor. Original project plan developed in 1995, deferred maintenance funding eventually funded the contract. Completed Aug 2021, now open to the public. Discuss fees and donation accounts [here](#).



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Artic Circle Campground Renovation FDO *(continued)*





Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA)

- FLREA was originally enacted in 2004 to provide a structure for the authority, collection, and use of fees at recreation sites and for the use of Special Recreation Permits on Federal land.
- FLREA lays out a framework for the BLM to designate fee sites, collect fees for the commercial or competitive use of Federal lands for recreation, and how the fees are to be spent
- Fees stay with the offices that collect them, and are required to be spent on recreational improvements, maintenance, or labor.
- Recreation fees are not subject to fiscal year spending requirements, fees carry over beyond the fiscal year in which they were collected.
- These fees are essential to continue to maintain and keep recreation sites accessible and open to the public.



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Camping Fees





Current and Proposed Recreation Fee Modifications

District	Office	# of Sites	Current Fees	Proposed Fee
Anchorage	Anchorage	Campbell Creek Science Center (1)	Flat Rate Fees for Instructor Lead programs	Hourly Rate for Instructor Lead Programs, addition of an electric equipped day use site to utilize for summer education program permit holders. Currently out for public review
Anchorage	Glennallen	Glennallen Field Office Campgrounds (4)	\$12 per night since 2012	To be determined in the recreation fee site business plan proposal
Fairbanks	Central Yukon	Dalton Hwy Campgrounds (4)	\$8 per night at Marion Creek (since 2008), free at 3 others	Business plan complete. \$10 per night at all campgrounds, \$5 service fee for dump station*
Fairbanks	Eastern Interior	White Mountain Public Use Cabins (12) and Campgrounds (3)	\$25 per night for cabins, \$6 per night for campgrounds	To be determined in the recreation fee site business plan proposal

*This is the only RV dump station along the Dalton Highway, except for Prudhoe Bay.



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White Mountains NRA Travel Management Planning Effort



Project is ongoing; the Travel Management Plan (TMP) will increase recreational access for a variety of user groups, both motorized and non-motorized. It proposes adding 3 miles of non-motorized of groomed ski loop trails, and 23 miles of Ebike authorization on trails that are currently non-motorized, and 12 new miles of summer OHV routes extending Champion Creek Ridge trail to Bear Creek.



Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA)

- Anticipated amount for BLM-AK is between \$4-6 million annually for next 5 years.
- 65% for non-transportation projects
- 35% for transportation/trails.
- Funding is meant to reduce backlogged deferred maintenance, not just benefitting recreation.
- Funding is not meant for new infrastructure which will need subsequent maintenance.
- Projects with awarded funds are listed in our Facility Asset Management System (FAMS).





GAOA-funded Project in 2022

- Nome Creek Road repair project, 18 miles long, cost of \$10.4 million.
- Nome Creek Road provides year-around access to the White Mountains National Recreation Area
- Only road access to Beaver Creek Wild and Scenic River.
- Repairs include grading resurfacing, repairing culverts to improve drainage
- Repairing the roads which provide access to Mt. Prindle and Ophir Creek campgrounds.



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Ongoing Workload

Thawing Culverts





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Ongoing Workload

Grading Keeps Nome Creek Road Open





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Thank You. Questions?

