## **BLM Alaska Recreation**

Summer 2022 Outlook



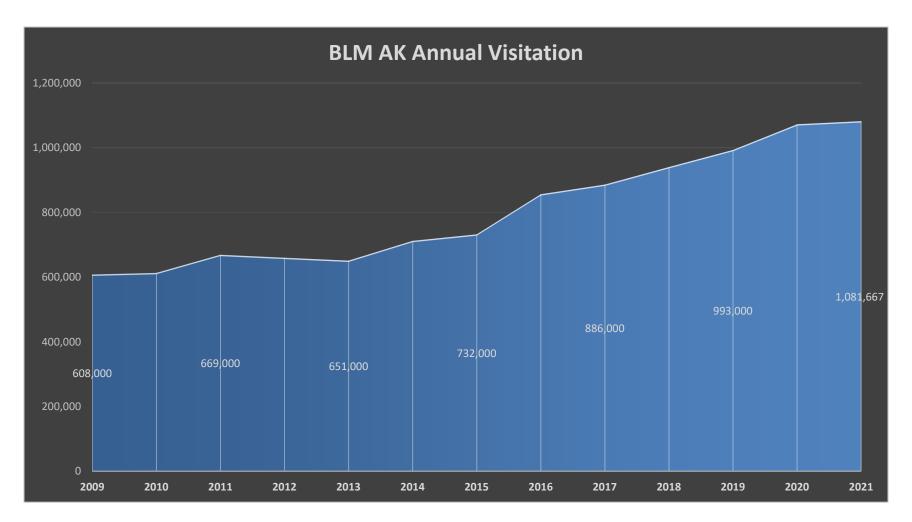
#### **BLM Alaska Recreation Overview**

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



**Fort Egbert National Historic Site** 

## **Visitation Rising**



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

#### **Summer 2022 Planned Work**

- Recreation site improvements
- Current and revised rec fee proposals
- Implement Campbell Tract Recreation Area Management Plan
- Implement Steese National Conservation Area and White Mountains National Recreation Area Travel Management Plans

### **Recreation Site Improvements**



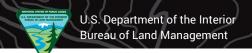
Nome Creek road repair through GAOA and ongoing OHV and non-motorized trail maintenance and improvement. BLM AK has nearly 1,000 miles of designated trails to manage.

# Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) & Recreation Fees

- FLREA was originally enacted in 2004 to provide a structure for the authority, collection, and use of fees at recreation sites and for the use of Special Recreation Permits on Federal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; as well as a public review process.
- 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. Approximately \$220,000 of recreation fees were collected in FY21 for Special Recreation Permits (SRP) and Recreation Use Permits (RUP), campground fees.

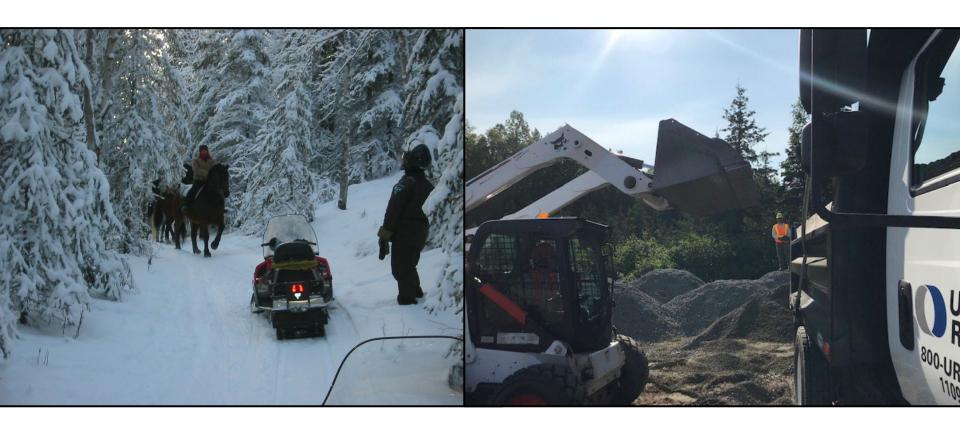
#### New & Proposed Rec Fee Changes

District	Office	# of Sites	<b>Current Fees</b>	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. Business plan complete (March 2022). Federal Register Notice of Intent underway
Anchorage	Glennallen	Glennallen Field Office Campgrounds (4)	\$12 per night since 2012	Increase fees at 4 developed fee campgrounds from \$12 to \$15, add scan and pay rec.gov features. Add non-camper fee of \$10 at Paxson Lake campground for RV service waste fee
Fairbanks	Central Yukon	Dalton Hwy Campgrounds (4)	\$10 per night at Marion Creek (since June 2021), free at 3 others	Business plan complete and Federal Register Notice of Intent published. \$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



#### **Campbell Tract**

#### **Recreation Area Management Plan**



Recreation Area Management Plan will improve access and provide updates for multiple user groups and resources.

# White Mountains National Recreation Area Travel Management Planning Effort



## Thank You. Questions?

