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Central Yukon Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Dirty Work, Clean Toilets



Sukakpak Mtn wayside, 210 miles from Fairbanks

The Central Yukon Field Office (CYFO) administers lands along 250 miles of the Dalton Highway. The Dalton traverses the Alaska arctic and sub-arctic, where few services and facilities exist. The CYFO maintains 32 vault toilets at campgrounds and waysides along the highway and one holding tank at the Arctic Interagency Visitor Center. In 2021, a contractor was hired (\$28,000) to service the 33 holding tanks and haul the waste for disposal to the nearest approved treatment facilities, hundreds of miles distant.

Volunteers in Action



Staff and volunteers showcase a newly placed sign

During the summer of 2021, the CYFO supported 6 volunteers who provided visitor experience enhancements through public outreach, interpretive services, and maintenance assistance at waysides and campgrounds along the Dalton Highway. The volunteers staffed the Marion Creek Campground, Yukon River Contact Station and Arctic Interagency Visitor Center. Using recreation fees, volunteers were reimbursed \$13,507.95 for meals and other incidental expenses incurred while living in a remote wilderness setting.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

They support and enhance:

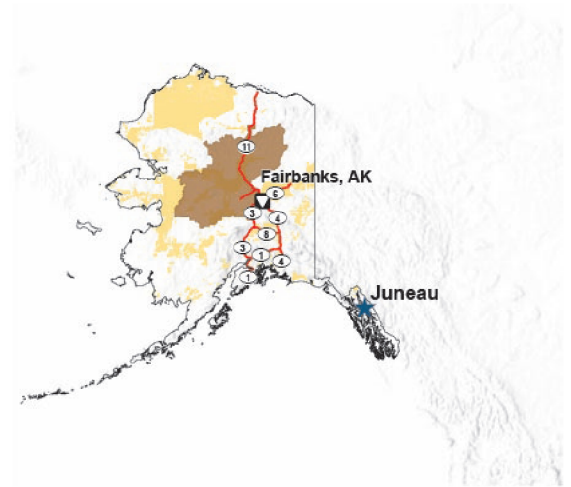
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation Direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



Other Accomplishments

- Labor costs by recreation staff to maintain fee sites and facilities used by SRP holders. \$13,389.66
- Funds from fiscal year (FY) 2019 recreation fee accounts were obligated for two weeks' worth of a Student Conservation Association (SCA) work crew, originally planned for summer 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020, the crew was postponed until summer 2021 when they performed campground maintenance, invasive plant work, and recreation enhancement projects. \$9,500

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$3,526.51
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$27,492.27
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$31,018.78

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$35,363.42
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$19,534.19
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$54,897.61



Planned Activities



Volunteer working at Marion Creek Campground

- Labor costs for recreation staff to service fee sites and facilities used by SRP holders. \$13,000
- Per diem reimbursement for summer Dalton Highway volunteers. \$13,000
- 1232 funds will be used to print the 2022 Dalton Highway Visitor Guide. \$5,000
- CYFO will spend a significant 1232 funds to cover vault toilet pumping at Dalton Highway waysides. SRP holders and their clients utilize these waysides as part of the authorized commercial activity. Vault Toilet Pumping. \$33,700

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$59,700.00
Visitor Services	\$5,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$64,700.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$10,147.32
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$74,847.32

Connecting with Communities

The Dalton Highway Corridor is a remote highway stretching from interior Alaska to the Arctic Ocean, approximately 415 miles long. CYFO administers lands and recreation facilities along the highway from milepost 56 to 300. In FY2021, CYFO partnered with the SCA to supply a youth crew to assist with completing various projects along the Dalton Highway, including work at the Five Mile Campground and mitigating invasive plant spread at selected waysides. The agreement with the SCA allowed the CYFO to maintain a partnership with a non-profit organization that can cost-effectively complete needed recreation projects while offering opportunities for youth to connect with the outdoors. It was a win-win scenario.

