



# ALASKA

## Eastern Interior Field Office

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

#### Pathway to The Summit



SCA crew members construct new boardwalk

During the fiscal year (FY) 2021, field office staff and Student Conservation Association (SCA) crew members created a bypass. They constructed a boardwalk to avoid muddy sections of the Wickersham Dome Summit Trail. The bypass will help with erosion control and removes obstructions for winter trail grooming.

#### Seasonal Staff Gets It Done



Seasonal staff install the new wayside sign

Seasonal staff maintains campgrounds and waysides along the Taylor Highway and Fortymile Wild and Scenic River. Utilizing recreation fees, the seasonal staff kept the facilities clean, supported the campground hosts, supplied public drinking water, assisted in monitoring visitor use, and enhanced the visitor experience.

### 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 recreationDirect operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



### Other Accomplishments

- Volunteer reimbursements and supplies
- Vehicle maintenance and supplies
- Repaired facilities and recreation sites
- Replaced cedar siding on outhouses
- Painted benches and tables in campgrounds
- Oiled the logs of public use cabins
- Replaced exhausted snow machine for trail grooming
- Outhouse pumping contracts for waysides and campgrounds

### Vicinity Map



### Contacts

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### Revenue & Expenditures

#### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$50,939.85
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$6,052.51
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$56,992.36</b>

#### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$108,206.41
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.34
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$108,206.75</b>



### Planned Activities



Winter Trail Grooming

- Seasonal staff payroll
- Replace exhausted snow machine for trail grooming
- Per-diem reimbursement for summer Taylor Highway campground hosts
- Outhouse pumping contract for waysides and campgrounds

### FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$40,000.00
Visitor Services	\$20,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$5,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$70,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$0.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$60,000.00

### Connecting with Communities

EIFO administers lands and recreation facilities throughout the Eastern Interior Region of Alaska. This area spans west to east from Fairbanks, AK, to Canada and north to south from the Yukon River to the Alaska Range.

In FY2021, EIFO partnered with the SCA to supply two youth crews to assist with completing various projects along the Steese and Elliot Highways, including work at the Pinnell Mountain National Recreation Trail and the Wickersham Dome Summit Trail. The agreement with the SCA allowed the EIFO 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.

