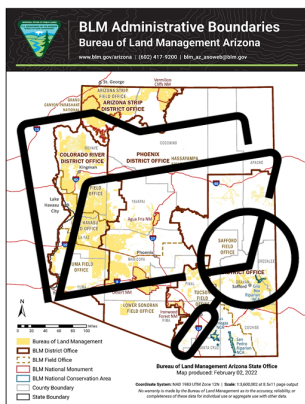




ARIZONA Arizona State Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Independent Statewide SRP Audit



Independent statewide audit of SRP Program

The Arizona State Office (AZSO) used recreation fee revenue from the sale of Interagency Passes to conduct an independent statewide audit of the Special Recreation Permit (SRP) Program. BLM facilitates audits to help provide a fair, equitable, and consistent business environment for permit holders and ensure the American public receives fair market value from the commercial use of its publicland. Amount Obligated in FY21: \$24,150 (Expenditures will post in FY22 when the audit is completed.)

Researching Comparable Fees



DHA-RAI at BLM recreation fee site near Yuma, AZ

The AZSO hosted a Direct Hire Authority Resource Assistant Intern (DHA-RAI) for 11 weeks as part of an effort to determine appropriate fee rates in compliance with the statutory fee criteria requirements. FLREA mandates consideration of comparable fees charged elsewhere. The intern researched charges assessed within the service area by other public and private providers for similar services or facilities. This information will inform fee modification proposals. No fee revenue was used for this project.

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

A Geospatial Information Specialist intern worked for 12 weeks to improve the quality of BLM AZ's Recreation Sites data set to provide better visitor information to the public. The intern fixed broken links and coordinated with field offices across the state to validate existing spatial data. The project was accomplished through an assistance agreement with Conservation Legacy and no fee revenue was used.

Vicinity Map



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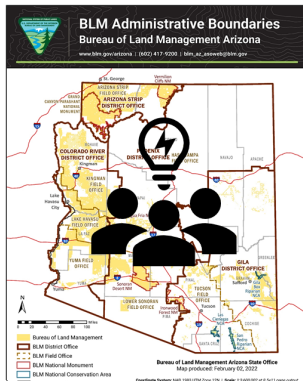
Revenue & Expenditures

FY20 End of Year Carryover	\$49,959.56
FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$15,740.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$15,740.00

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$0.00



Planned Activities



Collectively Improve Permit & Fee Program

- Fund shipping costs associated with the Interagency Pass program. Estimated cost: \$400
- Fund employee travel for a Business Planning Workshop or a statewide recreation permit and fee program meeting when travel for face-to-face training and knowledge sharing is appropriate. Estimated cost: \$8,000
- Carryover remaining fee revenue (approximately \$22,000) to conduct future periodic independent statewide audits of the SRP program, in compliance with BLM policy. Estimated cost: \$40,000

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$24,550.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$8,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$32,550.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$15,980.00

Connecting with Communities

The BLM Arizona State Office has been collaborating with the Arizona Office of Tourism to develop regional slow travel itineraries and amplify the recreate responsibly and Leave No Trace message. This project aims to feature outdoor recreation destinations on public lands near communities seeking to promote their convenient access to this unique recreation-tourism product. Many of these communities are underrepresented in Arizona’s tourism marketing. This project advances shared opportunities to improve economic and social well-being outcomes for Arizona residents, while increasing stewardship awareness to ensure these benefits, experiences, and special places will be available to future generations. This is one of many projects supporting the goals identified in the BLM’s National Recreation Strategy: Connecting with Communities.

