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# ARIZONA

Hassayampa Field Office

**Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021** 

# Table Mesa Area Clean Up



Household trash dumped on public land

Park Rangers cleaned up two abandoned campsites at Table Mesa Recreation Area, an area used by Special Recreation Permit (SRP) holders. Long-term campers left behind tents, clothing, cooking utensils, mattresses, toiletries, furniture, toilet paper, and more. The total weight of trash picked up was 1,360 pounds. Park Rangers regularly patrol this area removing household trash to provide for the health and safety of the visiting public and the wildlife. The approximate amount expended: \$800

# **OHV Trail Signage**



New signage on trail 9982 north of Phoenix

New trail signs were purchased and installed along a popular trail connecting the Table Mesa Recreation Area to Black Canyon City. Existing signs were missing or sun-damaged. Signs help visitors stay on the designated routes and away from Interstate 17. In addition, fencing and signs were installed to limit travel on user-created routes parallel to Interstate 17, where use produced fugitive dust and impeded interstate traffic. The approximate amount expended: \$5,000

# **Recreation Fee Dollars**

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



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.

# **Other Accomplishments**

- Provided partial funding for several permanent park rangers. Duties included patrolling recreation areas, updating kiosks, restocking visitor information boxes, and general site maintenance in areas where SRP holders operate.
- Provided funding to process new and existing SRPs.
- Provided funding for ongoing maintenance of recreation areas, including graffiti removal, kiosk panel replacement, repairs to restroom facilities, trail signage, and fence repair/installation.
- Provided funding for the ongoing upkeep of our visitation counting devices.

# Vicinity Map



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# Revenue & Expenditures

FY20 End of Year Carryover	\$44,205.72
FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$80,204.92
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$6,440.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$86,644.92

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$40,425.09
Visitor Services	\$9,213.18
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$24,997.23
Collections/Overhead	\$3,303.58
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$77,939.08



# **Planned Activities**



Staff repairing a fence

- Future funds will be used to match state grants to help fund area improvements within the Table Mesa Recreation Area.
- Future funds will partially fund the Phoenix District park ranger program.
- Future funds will support the ongoing maintenance of our recreation area facilities, trail signage, trash cleanups, and special recreation permit administration.

# FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$70,000.00
Visitor Services	\$10,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$20,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$100,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$50,000.00

# **Connecting with Communities**

The Hassayampa Field Office (HFO) has and will continue to partner with the Black Canyon Trail Coalition and various Special Recreation Permit holders to help with management and maintenance of the Black Canyon National Recreation Trail. These partnerships have been vital in allowing the agency to hear what the different user groups are witnessing on the ground and what actions are recommended to address any safety or user conflict concerns.

The field office will also continue our partnership with the Wickenburg Conservation Foundation. Through this partnership, motorized and nonmotorized users are working together to improve the overall health and beauty of the Box Canyon area outside of Wickenburg, AZ.

Over the next year, we will be working toward improved outreach and education, from updated kiosks, information handouts, and public service announcements.

