



ARIZONA Tucson Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Emergency Repairs at Empire Ranch



New metal roof for the Adobe Hay Barn

At the Empire Ranch Headquarters in the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area (LCNCA), two structures received emergency roof repairs after wind damage sustained in January 2021. Recreation fee dollars contributed to the repairs of both the Adobe Hay Barn and South Barn roofs. The cost for repairs was \$1,680.

Murray Springs Trail Improvements



New trail steps constructed at Murray Springs

At the Murray Springs, Clovis Site Trail in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA), recreation fee dollars from Special Recreation Permits contributed to the materials required to install new trail steps. The existing trail was eroded, and the new steps improved visitor access to the Clovis interpretive site. Costs for materials contributing to this project were \$2,700.

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

- New post and cable fencing were installed at the Airstrip Group Site in the LCNCA. Fee dollars contributed to purchasing concrete at \$120.
- Annual mowing equipment maintenance was completed. \$600 of fee revenue contributed to this project.
- Purchase replacement door handles and toilet seats for vault toilets at recreation sites in the SPRNCA and LCNCA. \$2,800 of fee revenue contributed to this project.
- Water pump repairs were completed at the San Pedro House to ensure that the water system was operational for public use. \$2,568 of fee revenue contributed to this project.

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Revenue & Expenditures

FY20 End of Year Carryover	\$40,312.82
FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$5,019.95
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$5,900.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$10,919.95

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$11,694.48
Visitor Services	\$6,878.58
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,350.85
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$19,923.91



Planned Activities



Airstrip Group Site Improvements

- The recreation program proposes to complete Phase 2 of the Airstrip Group Site improvements, including completing the remaining 40 percent of the fence line and new gate. Estimated cost for concrete: \$200
- The recreation program is proposing sign improvement projects for LCNCA and SPRNCA. Estimated cost for signposts: \$1,500.
- The recreation program proposes installing campfire rings and signs at the Cieneguita Campground. Estimated cost: \$200.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$5,500.00
Visitor Services	\$1,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$2,200.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$10,200.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$10,900.00

Connecting with Communities

The Tucson Field Office (TFO) Recreation Program engages with Las Cienegas NCA and San Pedro Riparian NCA stakeholders via a newly formed recreation technical team, collaborating with existing NCA bio-planning partnerships. This heightened engagement that includes members from multiple communities surrounding the two NCAs enables TFO to improve existing recreation sites, incorporating public input on both units and continuing to meet recreation objectives as identified in both resource management plans. These efforts advance the BLM’s National Recreation Strategy, Connecting with Communities. Specifically, this project supports External Goal 1: Support Community Service Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Lands Users and Strategic Focus 1: Proactively Engage with Communities.

The Recreation Program is implementing upgrades to designated campgrounds and group sites to meet user demand while reducing the potential for conflict between different recreation user groups, all of whom desire to recreate in the same areas. Draft plans are being developed by staff and shared with partners and stakeholders to ensure that public concerns are being addressed and mitigated in the plans for all recreation user types. This effort advances the strategy’s External Goal 2: Facilitate Greater Well-Being and Economic Benefits within Communities and Strategic Focus 2: Create Collaborative Recreation Management Plans that Balance the Interests of All Public Lands Users.

