



ARIZONA

Vermilion Cliffs National Monument

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Upgrades to Wire Pass Trailhead



Wire Pass Trailhead has been expanded and upgraded

Improvements to the Wire Pass Trailhead were made to enhance user experience and safety. This trailhead provides access to the Paria Canyon and Coyote Buttes North/The Wave. Improvements included reconstructing the trailhead parking lot to accommodate 135 vehicles, installing four new vault toilets, adding new kiosks, and installing fencing to define the parking lot. A second lot for overflow parking with 91 parking spaces and fencing was added. The project cost approximately \$300,000.

Paria Contact Station Staffing



The Paria Contact Station is a great resource

The Glen Canyon Conservation staff provides visitor services at the Paria Contact Station. Services include:

- Informing visitors about safety issues, local conditions, rules, and regulations
 - Providing Leave No Trace (LNT) education
 - Answering questions
 - Providing Paria Canyon Overnight permit pick up
- Although no fee revenue was used for this project, staffing the station to distribute permits is funded by the permit application fees (cost recovery).

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

- Youth interns from Southern Utah University provide:
 - Safety patrols to Coyote Buttes North (The Wave)
 - Walk-in lottery assistance
 - Education and interpretation
 - General maintenance
 - Estimated cost: \$36,000
- New kiosk panels, signs, and supplies for the permit area. Estimated cost: \$58,266
- Vehicle and road maintenance to provide access to the permit areas. Estimated cost: \$15,961
- Pumping of vault toilets. Estimated cost: \$13,000
- Bathroom Cleaning. Estimated cost: \$12,138
- Provide human waste bags for the Paria Canyon Overnight permit holders. Estimated cost: \$3,500

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY20 End of Year Carryover	\$569,696.72
FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$525,427.67
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$525,427.67
Recreation Cost Recovery – Individual Permit Application Fees	\$397,992.08

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$365,425.24
Visitor Services	\$46,736.79
Law Enforcement	\$24,175.43
Habitat Restoration	\$93,202.44
Collections/Overhead	\$22,809.45
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$548,147.95



Planned Activities



White Pocket

- White Pocket trailhead development and improvement include contracting engineering for the trailhead. Estimated cost: \$180,000
- Development of a new Administration Site for maintenance of permit areas. Estimated cost: \$150,000.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$375,000.00
Visitor Services	\$50,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$25,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$100,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$25,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$575,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$525,000.00

Connecting with Communities

Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (VCNM) staff annually review Special Recreation Permit renewals and process new applications for compliance with the Resource Management Plan. This allows the BLM to coordinate and track commercial, competitive, and organized group use while ensuring the American public receives fair market value from the commercial use of its public land. The permits also provide resource protection measures to safeguard the public's future enjoyment of those resources. Most of the authorized permittees operating on VCNM-managed lands are local and help bring tourism revenue to the community. These actions support External Goal 2 in the Connecting with Communities Strategy: Facilitate Greater Well-Being and Economic Benefits within Communities.

