



CALIFORNIA Fort Ord National Monument

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Trailhead Janitorial Services



Badger Hills Trailhead

In 2021, nearly 1.4 million visitors came to the Fort Ord National Monument for high-quality, non-motorized trail use recreation. Trailhead facilities were at capacity for much of 2021, and the BLM used recreation permit fee revenue to service eight toilet buildings through a service contract. This service contract (\$22,800/year) covered the Badger Hills Trailhead and the Creekside Terrace Trailhead that was cleaned and maintained every day (even on holidays) for the entire year.

Creekside Traffic Calming



Creekside Terrace Trailhead

The Creekside Terrace Trailhead was over-capacity throughout much of the year, and this use took a toll on the facilities and caused some safety issues. The BLM used about \$2,000 in recreation permit fee revenue and other funds to install speed calming mats leading to this popular trailhead. The BLM also completed improvements that increased parking capacity by providing better pullouts for visitors parking along the driveway to the trailhead.

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

In addition to trailhead improvements, the BLM used about \$1,500 of recreation permit fee revenue to provide environmental education programs to elementary school students in the Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula regions.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$1,031.97
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$1,031.97

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$22,489.46
Visitor Services	\$3,747.19
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$26,236.65



Planned Activities



Creekside Terrace Trailhead before the crowds

In 2022, the BLM plans to continue with the annual janitorial services contract for the Badger Hills Trailhead and Creekside Terrace Trailhead. In addition to this critical service, the BLM may use some funding for interpretive and education programs for students in the region.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$23,000.00
Visitor Services	\$1,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$24,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$0.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$0.00

Connecting with Communities

At the Fort Ord National Monument (FONM), the BLM strives to make better connections and provide exceptional recreation opportunities for traditionally underserved communities. Approximately 10-25% of the visitors to the BLM's Creekside Trailhead Trailhead and Badger Hills Trailhead are from the Salinas Valley. Many of these visitors are primarily Spanish-speaking and from agricultural workers' families. The FONM team updates brochures, notices, and signs to better communicate with the Spanish-speaking visitors and provides high-quality recreation opportunities to these and other visiting families.

