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King Range National Conservation Area

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Increase in Visitation



Backpackers on the Lost Coast Trail

The King Range National Conservation Area experienced record visitation numbers during FY21 in campgrounds and on backcountry trails. Fee collections from campgrounds (\$46,978.18) were used to fund janitorial services and to pump vault toilets in the four King Range campgrounds during the peak season. Contracting services were in place that provided maintenance and ranger staff additional time in the field conducting road and campus facility projects and working on safety and education projects.

Routine Maintenance



BLM Maintenance Staff Repair Split-Rail Fencing

In FY 2021, front country day-use areas also experienced an increase in visitation approximately three-fold from FY20. Fee collections in day-use areas were used to fund routine annual maintenance, including repairing split-rail fencing and kiosks. The funds also covered a service contract for bathroom cleaning services, trash collection, and landscaping/grass cutting in these front country areas.

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

Backpackers travel worldwide to experience the King Range National Conservation Area and the Lost Coast Trail. Before arrival, backpackers must carefully plan itineraries for safe passage through tidal areas, road conditions, fire restrictions, proper food storage, shuttles, emergencies, etc. BLM staff provided interpretive and vital safety information during the permitting process, mainly over the phone and before visitors arrived in King Range.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$46,978.18
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$3,233.25
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$50,211.43

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$29,347.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$29,347.00



Planned Activities



Newly Created Interpretive Signage in King Range

An updated business plan for collections and expenditures in King Range will be completed in FY 2022, assisting in the future direction of fee collection and expenses.

The Mattole Beach Campground will be expanded by eight campsites and 20 long-term parking spaces in FY 2022-2023, which will bring in additional revenue starting in FY2023.

In FY2022, new kiosks at King Range front country and backcountry sites will be constructed, and newly printed signage will contain important safety, Leave No Trace, and interpretive education.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$30,000.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$35,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$5,676.43
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$50,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The King Range National Conservation Area (KRNCA) partners with the King Range Alliance (KRA), a collaboration of local agencies to assist in public land management and interpretation in the KRNCA. Partners include the Friends of the Lost Coast, Mattole Restoration Council, Sanctuary Forest, and the Mattole Salmon Group. In FY2021, the KRA implemented the new "Trail Stewards" and the "Trail Host" programs with support from the Conservation Lands Foundation. The Trail Stewards are local community volunteers who donate their time maintaining the trails in King Range and on the Lost Coast Trail. The Trail Host program consists of volunteers and interns who stage themselves at trailheads on busy peak-season weekends to ensure visitors receive pertinent information regarding backcountry safety and stipulations, Leave No Trace principles, tide predictions, etc.

In collaboration with the BLM, the Friends of the Lost Coast (FOLC) connects local communities with surrounding public lands by providing interpretive and educational programs. These programs include hikes & lectures, volunteer habitat restoration projects, creation of native plant gardens(3) and a nursery, environmental education lessons in K-8 grade classrooms, a six-week Summer Adventure Camp (5-11 yr. olds), significant volunteer days such as National Public Lands Day & Earth Day, Trail Stewards/Trail Hosts, collaboration with local indigenous tribes and universities, and more.

