

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

# CALIFORNIA Needles Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

#### Partnership and Kiosks



Eagle Pass Kiosks

Off-Highway Routes play an essential part in the history of the Mojave Desert. Numerous years ago, touring routes across the desert led to old cabins, mine sites, and freshwater. Today, funding from partners and friend groups has helped the NFO remap these routes and develop kiosks that share these unique stories. The NFO staff has assisted these groups in applying for state and industry grants.



**Bathrooms** 

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The bathroom's maintenance has increased due to the increase in visitation caused by the covid pandemic. What used to happen at a rate of once every five years now occurs once a year. Increased visitors have also increased the need for additional CXTs plus pumping. Planning is underway to expand the location of additional CXTs and contract services to meet the pumping requirements.

### **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 recreationDirect operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



#### **Other Accomplishments**

The "Contact Us" website received more inquiries than ever. LE, recreation and administrative staff stepped up to meet the needs of the general public. Staff also conducted restoration projects, maintained miles of roads and trails, repaired fencing, installed trail counters, and developed new brochures and signs.

#### Vicinity Map



#### Contacts

#### **Revenue & Expenditures**

FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$3,396.15
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$360.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$3,756.15

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,700.00
Visitor Services	\$1,166.74
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$2,866.74



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# Planned Activities



Fencing improvements

The NFO will continue monitoring wilderness and OHV trails, completing conservation and maintenance, and utilizing volunteers to conduct community projects and community, such as health fairs, monument celebrations, and environmental outreach at the local schools. Staff will also continue to focus on the SRMA and RMZ areas as outlined in the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

# FY22 Planned Expenditures

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# **Connecting with Communities**

Health fairs, school outreach, route 66 partnership, host monument celebrations, hotrod events, and the Run for the Wall begin in the Needled Field Office.

