



CALIFORNIA Redding Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Swasey Event Area



Swasey Event Area in use during the race

During the spring, the Swasey Recreation Area, located near Redding, CA, hosts an event almost every weekend in addition to the regular recreational users. The BLM team reconfigured the event area to provide additional parking year-round while improving the event area for permitted uses. Two new gates were installed, rocks and logs were used to define the site, and the parking area was resurfaced. About \$7,000 was spent on labor and materials to accomplish this project.

Routine Maintenance



Park ranger collects litter near Trinity River

While it isn't glamorous, one of the key ways we use recreation fees is the routine maintenance of facilities. Staff and volunteers visit each recreation site 1-2 times a week to clean toilets, replace toilet paper, empty trash cans, and pick up litter. Without these weekly visits, many of the areas would fall into disrepair, which could have lasting impacts on natural resources and recreational experience. We spend approximately \$25,000 from recreation fees on this routine maintenance yearly.

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

- Mill Street Parking area maintenance
- Campground host stipends
- Campground facilities maintenance
- Campground vegetation maintenance
- New signs for kiosks where needed
- Law enforcement patrol campgrounds and day-use areas
- Park rangers patrol campgrounds and day-use areas

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$41,999.51
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$24,723.65
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$5,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$72,223.16

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$39,026.44
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$39,026.44



Planned Activities



Steiner Flat Campground - proposed for improvement

- Steiner Flat Campground Improvement – Convert this primitive campground to a more developed campground with amenities. This will enable better management of the area and protection of natural resources.
- Partner trail work agreements – Backcountry horsemen, Redding Trail Alliance, Redding Dirt Riders, and other partners have all expressed interest in creating more formal assistance agreements with the BLM where we could provide funding for trail maintenance and improvements.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$80,000.00
Visitor Services	\$10,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$90,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$0.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$0.00

Connecting with Communities

The Redding Field Office works closely with the Redding Trail Alliance to provide high-quality trail experiences for the local and out-of-town users in the Redding area. Many of these trails are just minutes from the Redding community and help achieve the BLM Recreation Strategic Focus of capitalizing on and protecting the BLM's "Backyard to Backcountry" recreation brand. This is particularly the case for the Swasey Recreation Area. We work together on many different fronts to bring this goal to fruition. For example, we share a collaborative system to track trail conditions and apparent trail hazards such as downed trees. This simple setup harnesses local volunteers and BLM employees to respond quickly to trail condition reports and continue to provide a high-quality trail experience for users. Redding Trail Alliance provides expertise and a crew to conduct trail tread maintenance on mountain bike-specific trails. We work together to permit races and community events that promote the local trails. And most excitingly, we are working together to plan new trail development in one of our most popular areas.

