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Ridgecrest Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Recreational Activities Abound



Motorcycle Race in the Spangler Hills OHV Rec Area

The Public Lands within the Ridgecrest Field Office serve as the backdrop for between 30 and 40 Special Recreation Permits annually. These SRPs encompass a variety of recreational activities such as Equestrian Endurance Rides, Marathon and Ultra Marathon running events, Four Wheel Drive and Dual Sport Motorcycle Tours, Vending, Mountain Bike, Motorcycle, Truck, and Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) races. SRPs are the largest source of funds collected for the Recreation Fee Revenue program.

Improving Recreation Experiences



Fossil Falls Campground Accessible Vault Toilet

Recreation Fee Revenue funds improved and maintained the visitors' recreational experience of the public lands. These efforts included cleaning and supporting 14 different vault toilet facilities throughout the field office. Recreation Fee dollars were partially used to fund a contracted Recreational Trail Maintenance Team. The team installed or maintained 2634 route markers along designated routes and maintained and stocked the 99 information kiosks within the Field Office.

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

The overall cost of the Vault Toilet Cleaning Contract was \$37,620, with \$6,048 of Recreation Fee dollars contributed towards this effort.

The overall cost of the Recreational Trail Maintenance Team was \$120,000, with \$36,000 of Recreation Fee dollars contributed towards this effort. With an additional \$825.19 worth of supplies purchased to support these efforts.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$2,391.41
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$40,235.47
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,920.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$44,546.88

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$42,873.19
Visitor Services	\$17,566.10
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$60,439.29



Planned Activities



Campsite at Fossil Falls Campground

Partial fund the ongoing contract to clean and maintain 14 vault toilet facilities.

Labor costs are directly related to the processing, administration, and monitoring the Field Office's Special Recreation Permit program.

Perform campsite maintenance at the Fossil Falls Campground.

FY2026 – Install additional vault toilets within the Spangler Hills OHV Recreation Area. Recreation Fee funds will help leverage additional grant funds to accomplish this task. Funding carry-over will be needed and set aside for this project. Estimated Recreation Fee Funds Needed \$100,000 of an approximately \$250,000 project.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$11,400.00
Visitor Services	\$20,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$31,400.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$60,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$40,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Ridgecrest Field Office connects with the local communities and interested members of the public through monthly attendance at the Friends of Jawbone and Public Lands Roundtable meetings. These meetings attract a diverse group of participants from the local communities. During these meetings, we can exchange information about what the public desires on the public lands. Along with updating the public on what projects staff are currently working through to manage the public lands.

