



COLORADO

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Managing Recreation Permits



Career Seasonal assisting with sign repair

Two years ago, the TRFO and Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (CANM) achieved a balance in the local fee program account to hire a Career Seasonal employee to assist with Special Recreation Permit administration and recreational duties at CANM. The career seasonal assists with monitoring WSA's, updating signs, cleaning toilets, and patrolling front and back country sites within the monument. TRFO and CANM are now better able to serve our Outfitter and Guide permit holders and applicants.

Staffing Visitor Center



Past volunteer greeting visitors at Visitor Center

Our Career Seasonal employee and summer seasonals assist Visitor Services at CANM VC by greeting visitors and running the recreation.gov program. Staff issue America the Beautiful Passes and entrance passes while greeting visitors, orienting them to the monument, trails, and pueblos while helping to interpret the natural and cultural history of the area. The BLM can no longer rely on volunteers. Having seasonal or permanent BLM staff is necessary to perform basic visitor services operations.

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 Career Seasonal employee assists with Wilderness Study Area monitoring for CANM regularly. Several SRP holders utilize these remote landscapes for their hunting operations and cultural resource tours.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$7,393.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$900.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$8,293.00

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$28,155.74
Law Enforcement	\$4,607.25
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$32,762.99



Planned Activities



Career Seasonal addresses volunteers at NPLD Event

CANM and TRFO work together to contribute about \$26,000 each year to pay for our career seasonal position using fee funds. We are actively deficit spending our fee accounts. We show that the account may be depleted within the next five years at our current rate. Most visitors to the Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum carry America the Beautiful Parks Pass. On average, less than ten people pay a day. Because of this, we exclusively use this account for our career seasonal who works at the visitor center one to two days a week. We sometimes use it for seasonals working the front desk running Recreation.gov.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$26,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$31,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$0.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$15,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum is a shining example of how the BLM can make meaningful connections with our local community and the desert southwest's rich history. The museum provides opportunities for visitors to our region to immerse themselves in the Ancestral Puebloan culture by participating in self-guided tours of the museum's interpretive exhibits or even to enjoy curated tours of the center's over 3 million artifacts. Further community connections are fostered by educational resources made available to teachers for in-class learning and interpretive opportunities for field trips. The BLM also partners with the Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance and the San Juan Mountains Association to further engage the public through educational outreach and stewardship of the region. While entrance to the museum does require America the Beautiful pass or payment of a daily admission fee, visitors can also enjoy the museum grounds or the (approximately) 170,000 acre National Monument free of charge. Physical evidence of the region's rich cultural history abounds in both locations, with largely intact standing architecture over 1,000 years old. Fees generated on-site complement federally allocated funds to help make it possible for the BLM to provide a wide variety of services and facilities at the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Visitor Center and Museum for all people to enjoy.

