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Colorado River Valley Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Recreation Use Permits



Staff cleaning campsites at Catamount Rec. Site

Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) completed the Catamount Recreation Site and Lyon's Gulch Recreation Site improvements within the Colorado River SRMA in 2021. Staff installed improved new boat ramps at each site. Eight new campsites and new CXT vault toilets were installed at Catamount, and additional parking for trailers and vehicles. The continued development of camping and parking areas enhances our commitment to the local community's interests in sustainable and economically viable outdoor recreation.

Special Recreation Permits



Earth Day - Eagle County partners at Dotsero Boat Ramp.

CR's SRP program managed 91 permits in 2021. 1232 funds are used to support staff in administering these permits. Funds were also utilized to support staff in engaging with the 40+ active partnerships that provide resource monitoring, education program, and trash clean-ups. Some notable highlights include the Earth Day Event w/ Eagle Valley Land Trust to maintain and install new information boards at the Dotsero, Lyon's Gulch, and Cottonwood Island boat ramps. These sites are utilized by many of our Special Recreation Permit (SRP) holders.

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

- Facilities maintenance includes 19 vault toilets, two fee campgrounds, four non-fee campgrounds, and 20+ trailheads.
- Formalized MOUs with local trail groups with seasonal trail crews that provide maintenance of existing trails and new construction.
- Supported a robust mountain bike trail program. CRVFO has built over 40 miles on mechanized trails in the last five years. 10 + in 2021.
- Supported an Adopt an Area program to facilitate volunteer work from diverse recreation user groups
- Completed the Northside Access Trail through Sutey Ranch to the Red Hill SRMA. Volunteer groups completed 1.5 miles of trail, and a trail building contractor completed the additional 1.5 miles.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$19,322.71
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$134,874.18
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,360.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$155,556.89

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$19,222.43
Visitor Services	\$65,384.21
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$5,470.08
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$90,076.72



Planned Activities



Volunteer groups at Sutey Ranch Trailhead during trail construction work evening.

In addition to our non-discretionary workload, our primary focus will be on building and maintaining relationships with our local government and non-government partners. Implementing our Resource Management Plan will be our top priority. Visitor Use surveys need to be conducted in SRMAs to determine if Recreation Management Objectives are being met. We plan to sign our business plan to begin collecting fees at the developed campgrounds of Catamount and Prince Creek. The CRVFO also plans to hire a permanent Park Ranger (2 years vacant), which will help with SRP administration.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$19,000.00
Visitor Services	\$55,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$8,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$8,076.72.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$90,076.72.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$88,768.23
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$100,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The CRVFO collaborates with local, robust, and diverse user groups to benefit the local community and visitors' recreation programs. The strategy of Connecting with Communities is that public lands should be viewed as connected to and integrated with local communities. Many projects representing varied recreational uses have been proposed or in some implementation stage. Projects include river restoration, trash clean-ups, trail building, and maintenance projects. The BLM CRVFO administers 91 Special Recreation Permits. They provide valuable services, experiences, and special events for to public to participate in and enjoy their public lands. Our 1232 funds support our recreation staff to complete these projects along with seasonal, law enforcement, and admin staff. Our CRVFO Visitor Services Program offers consistent information regarding visitor and recreation services provided within our BLM field office and a robust volunteer coordination program. The CRVFO engages with over 40 partner groups on an annual basis. The importance of facilitating and maintaining effective partnerships strengthens communication and outreach efforts. Understanding community social and economic values and quality of life issues align with the resources of the BLM's Recreation and Visitor Services Program, delivering as many benefits as possible to the recreating public

