



COLORADO Colorado State Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Colorado Statewide Projects



Canyon of the Ancients Visitor Center

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North Fruita Desert - 18 Road Campground

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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

- Bank Campground Fencing Project – Royal Gorge Field Office - \$17,230 Radium
- Campground Restroom Access improvement – Kremmling Field Office - \$15,000
- Recreation facility Improvements – Royal Gorge Field Office - \$12,000 Seasonal
- Park Ranger funding –Colorado River Valley Field Office - \$8,000

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$114,640.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$114,640.00

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$49,215.93
Visitor Services	\$26.97
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$24,828.50
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$74,071.40



Planned Activities



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It is anticipated that there will be some additional funds generated by sales every year, and a process for allocation of these funds is described below.

Colorado State Office Sideboards:

- Projects must meet one of the six FLREA activities.
- Offices should try to obligate these funds as a high priority.
- The maximum amount should be sent to the field for actual infrastructure and operational needs.
- Projects must meet the National and Colorado Recreation Strategy goals and objectives.
- All projects are not tied to the Annual Budget allocation process and can be initiated immediately upon receipt of funds.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

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

Connecting with Communities

This strategic plan aligns the resources of the BLM's Recreation and Visitor Services Program with the desired outcomes of local communities, businesses, and other service providers to deliver as many recreational benefits as possible to the public. The BLM defines success in recreation as becoming the "Partner of Choice." To do so, BLM will build on the great work it is already doing and align more of our work with this strategy. The BLM's strategy comprises two parts, guiding both internal and external actions.

The "Backyard to Backcountry" strategy outlines BLM Colorado's specific ideas for implementing Colorado's national Connecting with Communities strategy. After incorporating stakeholder input, this five-year strategy serves as a guide that BLM Colorado will update as successes are achieved, priorities are updated, and opportunities arise. This strategy does not amend any BLM Resource Management Plans or replace any local planning or decision-making processes. Instead, it lays out how BLM Colorado plans to achieve its Recreation and Visitor Services mission while sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

