



COLORADO Little Snake Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Elk Hunting Capital of the World



Bull Elk in Moffat County

Colorado boasts one of the largest elk herds globally, and the city of Craig, CO, is the “Elk Hunting Capital of the World.” The Field Office permits and works with 60 big game outfitters to provide commercially guided hunts. The workload at LSFO involves meeting with permittees and processing paperwork. Approximately \$55,000 was collected in FY 2021 and spent processing the permits, including necessary environmental documentation, on-site monitoring, and permit enforcement.

Emerald Epic Event



Little Snake Park Ranger Clearing Trail

The Emerald Epic is a series of races on BLM-managed lands, with a seasonal trail closure for big game winter habitat. The LSFO staff works with the local mountain biking club to clean up the trails once the seasonal closure is lifted. Approximately \$5,000 was collected from the event in FY 2021 and spent on trail clean-up and on-site monitoring.

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

No other expenditures or accomplishments to report from Fee Program.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$64,334.45
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,840.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$66,174.45

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$88.45
Visitor Services	\$44,660.09
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$8,063.54
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$52,812.08



Planned Activities



Big Game Hunting Guide in Moffat County

- Two-year capacity study to focus on the capacity of commercial outfitter guides for hunting and fishing on LSFO lands. \$60000. Expect BLM Colorado State Office to match 1232 funds for this project.
- Assistance Agreement with local user groups, motorized and non-motorized, for trail maintenance and stewardship. \$10,000.
- Internally re-prioritize funding allocation systems to maximize positive returns for our public contributors

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$5,000.00
Visitor Services	\$50,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$2,500.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$2,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$60,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$13,362.37
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$60,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Little Snake Field Office (LSFO) has made it a priority in recent years to build relationships with local stakeholders, user groups, and cooperating agencies in the region. As part of this process of Connecting with Communities, the LSFO is involved in multiple Colorado Regional Partnerships and is working with the communities in Moffat County to provide improved infrastructure and access to public lands.

