# COLORADO Uncompahgre Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

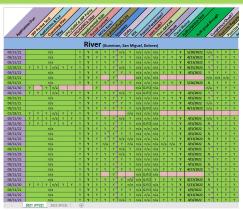
### Ranger Wilderness Patrols



Rangers and Volunteers Set Up the Ranger Station

Hired two seasonal River Rangers to patrol the Gunnison Gorge Wilderness. Rangers helped orient visitors, helped groups select appropriate camps, ensured that visitors complied with rules and paid fees, and maintained campsites and facilities. Rangers also ensured commercial outfitter SRP compliance. Rangers patrolled the river corridor and aided visitors as needed. They collected and counted fees and recruited and utilized volunteers for special projects. (\$25,000)

### SRP/ISRP Administrator



SRP Tracking Sheet

Used SRP and ISRP fees to pay most of the salary of our permit administrator. This person administers roughly 90 SRPs in both UFO and GGNCA and the fee program for the Gunnison Gorge Wilderness. SRPs include commercial hunting, fishing, boating, and event permits. The employee has steadily streamlined SRP administrative processes and record-keeping, improving customer service to the existing outfitter and new applicants. The employee also oversees SRP compliance monitoring and evaluation. (\$45,800)

### **Recreation Fee Dollars**

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 recreationDirect operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program

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.



# Other Accomplishments

- Upgraded/refreshed Kiosk information
- Vault toilet pumping
- Horse pack-ins, shuttles, and per diem for river patrols
- Replaced and hardened vandalized fee tube
- Pack-in, raft, and ranger support of CPW fishstocking mission
- Rec facility maintenance and cleaning
- Wilderness Monitoring
- Law Enforcement support

### Vicinity Map



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### Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$101,577.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$35,352.00
Interagency Passes	\$7,400.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$144,329.00

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$24,547.00
Visitor Services	\$81,765.00
Law Enforcement	\$36,495.39
Habitat Restoration	\$57,869.44
Collections/Overhead	\$6,718.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$207,394.83



### **Planned Activities**



Wildlife Specialists Meet with Trail User

In addition to administering the SRP/ISRP program, resource protection monitoring, and maintenance and repair of recreation facilities, BLM plans to hire a park ranger to monitor the rivers' private and commercial use in UFO GGNCA. The monitoring data will help inform management decisions regarding setting limits on commercial use of the river corridor. BLM updates and improves its visitor information, including kiosks, websites, brochures, and mapping products. BLM will continue working with Delta County and Paonia to design trails in the Jumbo Mountain SRMA.

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$26,000.00
Visitor Services	\$100,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$38,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$55,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$6,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$225,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$281,974.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$135,000.00

### Connecting with Communities

The UFO and GGNCA maintain partnerships with local governments, service providers, non-profit organizations, and recreational user groups. We strive together to enhance the social and economic well-being of our communities. SRP holders generated more than \$5 million in 2021. GGNCA maintains a close partnership with Colorado Canyons Association (CCA) as our friends' group. CCA is dedicated to public outreach and education in our National Conservation Areas, with a strong focus on getting local youths experiencing public lands who may not otherwise have the means or opportunity. BLM supports CCA through an assistance agreement that provides some primary funding. CCA, in turn, multiplies that through donations, membership, and grants to provide lifeenhancing experiences for local young people. Programs include free educational river trips for entire grade levels in our school systems, "adventure kits" available for checkout at local libraries for families to explore GGNCA, and education events such as the annual Cottonwood Days, where every sixth grader in Delta County spends a day in GGNCA learning about its resources. [External Strategy Goal 1, Strategic Focus 1, 2; Goal 2, SF3] The UFO works closely with our counties to provide well-loved recreational amenities. BLM is currently working with Delta County and the town of Paonia to designate a trail system in an SRMA immediately adjacent to the city. UFO partnered with Montrose County to create the Shavano Gateway recreation site. The county has an R&PP lease for the site. It is in the process of building a developed staging area that provides amenities and access to the Electric Hills trail system and the famous Montrose to Moab Rimrocker Trail. [Ext Strategy Goal 2, Focus 1, 2, 3]