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White River Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Rangely Rock Crawl Event



Comptitive Rock Crawling Event

OHV riders travel far and wide to compete in the Rangely Rock Crawl. The routes range from easy todifficult, and the vast terrain of rock is well designed for trails system for various off-road vehicles. The competitive rockcrawl events bring in at least fifty competitors, and hundreds of visitors thatcamp and compete each year. Southwest of Rangely is the only designated natural rock crawling park in Colorado; more than 560 acres of natural terrain was developed and designated by the BLM as a four-wheel-drive park.

Anderson Gulch Connector Trail



RMYC Connecting the Anderson Gulch Loop Trail

One of our most popular, unique recreation sites is the Meeker Trails System, designed by an environmental assessment masterplan in 2015 with the BLM White River Field Office and community agencies. Over 11 miles of single-track trails have been constructed open to hiking and mountain biking. The newest addition was made in the summer of 2021, the Anderson Gulch-Ute Park Trail Connector loop. All five trailheads and parking lots offering access to the trail system are connected full circuit.

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:

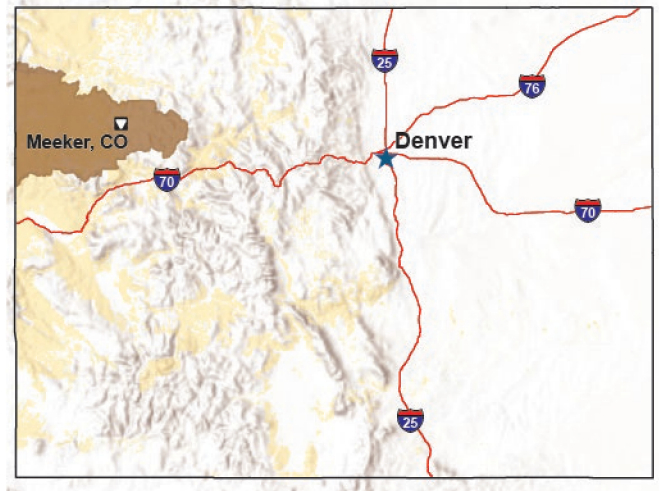
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreationDirect operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



Other Accomplishments

- Two annual Elementary school 4th-grade cultural field trips.
- Assessing and monitoring inventory within the field office, including route conditions, dispersed camping sites, resource damage, trails, open areas, wilderness units, lands with wilderness characteristics units, and SRP administration.
- Recreation and visitor staff work with the community, partnerships, local groups, and volunteers for public educational outreach and continue to build strong work relationships with all our valuable partners.

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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$51,498.21
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$480.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$51,978.21

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$1,036.53
Visitor Services	\$2,031.04
Law Enforcement	\$913.47
Habitat Restoration	\$29,432.80
Collections/Overhead	\$383.21
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$33,797.05



Planned Activities



L07 Open Area

Recreation and visitor staff process, administer, and monitor our Special Recreation Permit program, with nearly 70 permits issued within the field office. Staff will continue to assess and monitor inventory within the field office, route conditions, dispersed camping sites, assess any potential resource damage, trails, open areas, wilderness units, and lands with wilderness characteristics units. Recreation and visitor staff continue working with the community, partnerships, local groups, and volunteers for public educational outreach and building strong work relationships with our valuable partners.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$10,000.00
Visitor Services	\$25,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$5,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$50,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$0.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$0.00

Connecting with Communities

The White River Field Office collaborates with local groups to benefit the local community and visitors' recreation program. The strategy of Connecting with Communities is that public lands should be viewed as connected to and integrated with local communities. Various projects have been proposed and implemented or awaiting funding. Our local cooperating partners seek to enhance the visitor recreation experience from Backyard to Backcountry. WRFO Recreation and Visitor Services Program offer consistent information regarding visitor and recreation services provided within our BLM field office. The WRFO recently implemented 2 Open Areas, the first of their kind, open to any motorized vehicles: OHVs, UTVs, 4-wheel trucks, and motorcycles within the WRFO. Not only do these unique OHV Open Areas increase the local opportunity that enhances visitor and recreation services to the community, but environmental awareness is also recognized by reducing resource impacts on adjacent BLM-managed lands. Implementation of the open areas has been designed to educate the public on riding etiquette, outdoor ethics and camping and resource protection through the installation of kiosk signs and route markers, parking delineators, vault toilets, and by offering an OHV skills course that any age group can use to learn motorized riding skills. 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.

