



# HEADQUARTERS

# Recreation and Visitor Services

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Remote Solar Powered Fee Kiosks



BLM Park Rangers inspect a solar powered kiosk

In March 2021, BLM-Headquarters Division of Recreation and Visitor Services (HQ430) began discussions with the BLM Wenatchee Field Office (WFO) to pilot a new type of recreation fee collection system; a Remote Off-grid Kiosk (ROK). This device, allows visitors to pay recreation fees, using credit or debit cards. Transactions can occur even if cell or WiFi connection is not available. With funding support from HQ430 (\$10,000), the WFO installed a ROK at Roza Recreation Site in the Yakima River Canyon of central Washington on June 14, 2021.

### RAPTOR Pilot



BLM staff enjoy a moment of recognition for their support of the RAPTOR pilot system

During FY21, HQ430 used \$76,900 of collected recreation fees to help launch the release of the RAPTOR (Recreation and Permit Tracking Online Reporting) system. The system successfully issued 38 Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) during fiscal year 2021. This paperless system streamlines the permitting process by allowing the public to apply, agree to, pay for, and renew SRPs online. Authorized Officers and specialists have authoring and editing access to tailor the permits to meet the needs of the local office. The new RAPTOR system makes this process simpler, faster, and more standardized.

### 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.*

Fee dollars support and enhance:

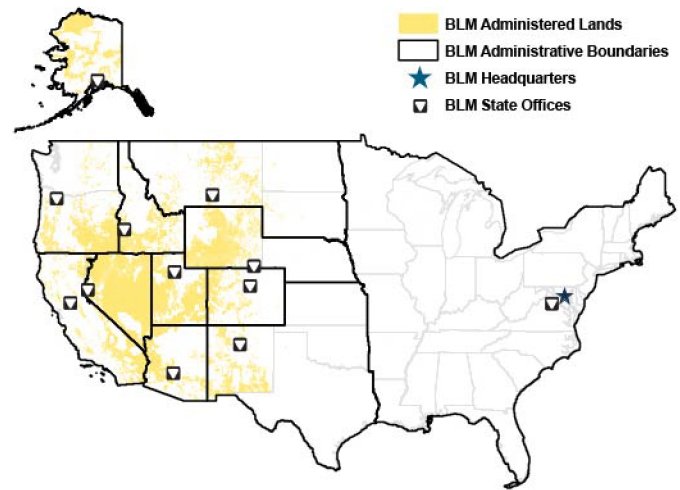
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and public health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor services, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation such as wildlife viewing, wildlife photography, fishing, and hunting
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation or direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



### Other Accomplishments

- Purchase and distribution of Fee Permit Envelopes (Form 1370-036) for all BLM-designated recreation fee sites – \$23,000.
- Travel costs associated with training delivery and business meetings related to the permits and fees program – \$2,600.

### Vicinity Map



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### Revenue & Expenditures

#### FY21 Revenue

|  |                     |
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| Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)                | \$0.00              |
| Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)            | \$0.00              |
| Individual Special Recreation Permits        | \$0.00              |
| Interagency Passes                           | \$995,611.62        |
| <b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b> | <b>\$995,611.62</b> |

#### FY21 Expenditures

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|---|---------------------|
| Repair & Maintenance                              | \$0.00              |
| Visitor Services                                  | \$0.00              |
| Law Enforcement                                   | \$0.00              |
| Habitat Restoration                               | \$0.00              |
| Collections/Overhead                              | \$112,500.11        |
| <b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b> | <b>\$112,500.11</b> |



### Planned Activities



*BLM Park Ranger Inspects A Redesigned Fee Envelope*

- Purchase and distribution of Recreation Fee Permit Envelopes (Form 1370-036) for all BLM-designated FLREA fee sites (estimated cost \$23,000).
- Recreation and Permit Tracking Online Reporting (RAPTOR) system development and complete build-out of Phase 2 (permits administration, monitoring, evaluation, and close out) to maximize efficient administration of SRPs (estimated cost \$1,000,000).
- New technology development and deployment, e-commerce solutions, and implementation in support of the recreation permit and fee program (estimated cost \$50,000).

### FY22 Planned Expenditures

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| Repair & Maintenance                       | \$0.00         |
| Visitor Services                           | \$0.00         |
| Law Enforcement                            | \$0.00         |
| Habitat Restoration                        | \$0.00         |
| Collections/Overhead                       | \$1,073,000.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22 | \$1,073,000.00 |
| Projected Year-end Carryover for FY22      | \$1,200,000.00 |
| FY22 Projected Revenue                     | \$600,000.00   |

### Connecting with Communities

- The Division of Recreation and Visitors Services (RVS) fully embraces the Connecting with Communities Strategic Plan. A primary goal is to manage recreational opportunities to achieve specific and desired benefits for local communities, while promoting responsible shared use of public lands.
- Goal number two of this plan is to Facilitate Greater Well-Being and Economic Benefits within Communities. Headquarters RVS staff meet with national organizations and groups, including the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable, America Outdoors, Recreate Responsibly, Tread Lightly! and the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, to discuss issues related to recreational activities. These meetings have helped RVS shape ways to address recreational outcomes to be more transparent and fair to those wanting to visit public lands.
- To address executive Order 13985, RVS staff participated in several listening sessions along with other BLM staff to better understand how underserved communities are underrepresented as visitors relative to their presence in the U.S. population at large. RVS is committed to addressing barriers to recreation on BLM lands and finding ways more Americans can enjoy these sites and reap the physical and mental health benefits of green space and outdoor recreation.

