IDAHO Challis Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Little Boulder Campground



Little Boulder Erosion

This campground, adjacent to the East Fork Salmon River, is often used as a staging area for the Boulder-White Clouds wilderness. Conceptual design contract was awarded for a bank stabilization project. Little Boulder has been experiencing erosion from the East Fork of the Salmon River, which threatens to destroy the campground infrastructure and increases the potential recreation impacts to important salmon and steelhead spawning habitat.

Joe T. Fallini Campground:



Joe T. Fallini Campground at Mackay Reservoir

Five volunteer Campground Hosts maintain facilities and provide visitor services at Challis's campgrounds from May to September. The hosts are provided a reimbursed per diem and personal vehicle fuel per mileage for government related work.

Recreation infrastructure repairs and maintenance were completed, including electrical work, vault toilet pumping, and campground road improvements. Various campground and building supplies were purchased to assist in recreation maintenance.

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 recreation
- Direct 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

Bayhorse, Cottonwood, and East Fork Campgrounds:

- Various campground and building supplies were purchased to assist in recreation maintenance.
- Recreation infrastructure repairs and maintenance were completed, including electrical work, vault toilet pumping, and campground road improvements.
- CFO hired seasonal Park Rangers to assist with recreation monitoring and maintenance, and visitor services.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$66,700.48
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$16,530.07
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$320.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$83,550.55

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$5,487.70
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$37,156.34
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$42,644.04



Planned Activities



Cottonwood Campground

- Conceptual design for a third camping loop at Joe. T Fallini Campground will begin through an Architectural and Engineering contract.
- Environmental education and interpretive programs will be hosted for the local community, schools, and recreational visitors at Joe T. Fallini Campground.
- A new UTV will be purchased for recreation staff for monitoring & access to recreation sites and SRP activities.
- Cottonwood Campground will undergo bank stabilization project. The project will require removing the existing irrigation system at the campground. A new irrigation system well be installed.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$167000.00
Visitor Services	\$4000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$25000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$20000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$216000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$146060.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$84500.00

Connecting with Communities

The Challis Field Office resides within Central Idaho near popular tourist attractions that provide abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation. To facilitate beneficial experiences and economic contributions, the BLM is a leading partner with the Challis Community Trails Collaborative. This is a multi-agency collaborative that includes the City of Challis, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, and US Forest Service. This collaborative identifies strategies to promote outdoor recreation tourism within the area through non-motorized and motorized trail systems. The collaborative's work towards creating community connectivity through trail systems assists in public access and increased opportunities for local and regional visitors.