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Coeur D'Alene Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Wind Storm Damages Rec Sites



Downed Trees from Wind Storm

In January 2021, the Field Office experienced a major wind event that impacted many of the developed recreation sites and trails. Funds were spent to help assist with clean-up, debris removal, and restoration of facilities and developed trail amenities across the field office's recreation sites. The most impacted sites were Mineral Ridge Scenic Area and Wallace Forest Conservation Area.

Huckleberry Campground



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Huckleberry Campground required an emergency replacement of the well pump and main water well line. The well pump quit working, and the Field Office discovered that the main well waterline, from the wellhead to the pump house, was severed. This happened in early May of 2021, just before the busy visitation period for Huckleberry CG. Physical replacement occurred the day before the reservation season began. Refunds or cancellations would have been issued to campers if well repairs could not be completed in time.

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

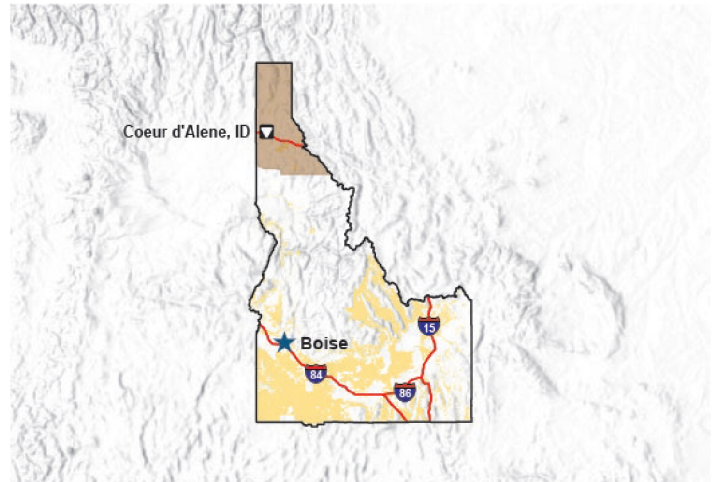


Other Accomplishments

Fee revenues annually fund two major service contracts to help support the Recreation Program with performing human health and safety tasks by keeping developed facilities clean, orderly, and safe for public benefit and enjoyment.

Janitorial and lawn services are provided at Blackwell Island, Mineral Ridge Scenic Area & Boater's Park, Beauty Bay Recreation Site, and the Wallace Forest Conservation Area. Another major portion of annual fee revenues generated go towards completely or partially funding permanent, seasonal, and volunteer host staffing positions for the Recreation Program.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$174,634.27
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$2,277.07
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$2,240.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$179,151.34

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$234,495.62
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$7,312.29
Habitat Restoration/Resource Protection	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$241,807.91



Planned Activities



Blackwell Island Boat Launch on Lake Coeur d'Alene

- The refurbishment and painting of 15 existing vault toilets. \$15,000.
- Construction of additional delineated gravel parking at Huckleberry Campground. \$15,000
- The installation of additional single car parking stalls at Blackwell Island Boater's Park. \$7,000.
- Trail and pathways rehabilitation and tread improvements at Blackwell Island, Mineral Ridge Scenic Area, Wallace Forest Conservation Area. \$15,000.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$192,000.00
Visitor Services	\$6,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$6,000.00
Habitat Restoration/Resource Protection	\$10,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$13,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$227,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$289,484.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$207,900.00

Connecting with Communities

The Coeur d' Alene Field Office (FO) manages recreation access locations in and adjacent to fast growing cities and towns (e.g., Coeur d' Alene). This office strives to collaborate and strengthen communication/outreach efforts with the local communities. Transparency and clarity concerning recreation projects, whether through public meetings, hearings, or partnerships, is what BLM employees work to accomplish. The Coeur d' Alene FO partnered with The Nature Conservancy to acquire property in the Cougar Bay area that provides recreation access and meets habitat protection priorities. Additionally, this office has partnered with the City of Post Falls and Avista Power Company to acquire and develop Ross Point Recreation Site, which will potentially be an expanded fee site in future.

