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Four Rivers Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Four Rivers Recreation Sites



Steck Park Recreation Area

The Four Rivers Field Office installed new signs for Steck Park, Skinny Dipper, Oregon Trail, Willow Creek, and Blacks Creek Recreation Sites. Vandalism to gates and signs was repaired and graffiti was removed. The district purchased a dumptrailer in FY21 which will help the recreation program with pothole repairs in recreation site parking areas. Funds are also used for a maintenance and toilet cleaning contract.

North Fork Kayak Championship



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The North Fork Championship (NFC) is a whitewater kayaking extreme race located on the North Fork of the Payette River. The North Fork is one of the most well known class V rivers in the world, most notably for the extremely continuous big water. The NFC takes place in June and brings the best whitewater kayakers from around the world to race down the infamous rapid called "Jacob's Ladder". The American Canoe & Kayak named the North Fork Championship as the 2013 Event of the Year and continues to attract kayakers.

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:

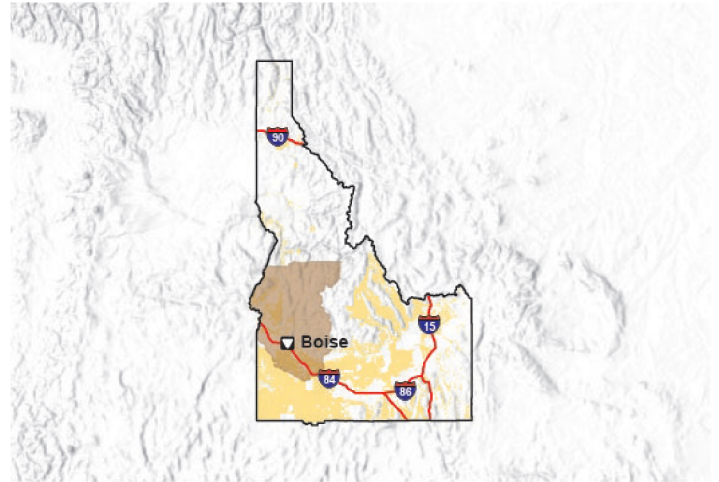
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited 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

Four Rivers Office authorized the first virtual competitive Special Recreation Permit (SRP) in Idaho BLM for the Boise Trail Challenge. Using GPS technology to virtually race about 1,000 people participated. The Challenge was open to mountain bikers, hikers, and trail runners. The proponents used participant's Strava accounts to record all the race activities. Their website pulled in all the relevant activities and marked off trails as they completed them. Participants challenge progress was visible to the participant and to the public.

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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$11,572.83
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$110.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$11,682.83

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$4,466.78
Collections/Overhead	\$7,497.54
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$11,964.32



Planned Activities



Boise Trail Challenge

Funding from SRP fees will be used to work on Boise Foothills/ Ridge to Rivers Trail System by Operations for outreach events with Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (Bennett Hills BCA), white water boaters (Payette River), and trail enthusiasts (Boise Foothills). Funds collected at Steck Park Campground will be used to reimburse camp host, maintain equipment, & replace signs. Additional Signs will be purchased for various Four Rivers Field Office Recreation Sites and implementation of soon to be approved Resource Management Plan.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$21,500.00
Visitor Services	\$2,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$23,500.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$26,865.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$15,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Four Rivers Field Office is adjacent to Boise and borders popular central Idaho tourist town destinations. Due to its proximity, this office receives high recreation demands for access and activities that can provide the public with beneficial outcomes. For example, the BLM is a partner in the Ridge to Rivers program. This is a multi-agency partnership that includes the City of Boise, Ada County Parks and Waterways, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the US Forest Service. This partnership manages over 190 miles of trails, for both motorized and non-motorized modes of trail. This partnership is constantly seeking public access opportunities with local landowners, while preserving the intact habitat. The recreating public that visits the lands and waters managed by this office are economic contributors to Boise and its neighboring communities, which is reflected through Idaho Recreation and Tourism annual reports.

