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# Owyhee Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Jump Creek



Jump Creek

Jump Creek features a surprising waterfall and lush riparian community filled with waterbirch and red osier dogwood trees. Visitors can hike the easy -mile Jump Creek Falls Trail, walk to the Falls Overlook or picnic near the rock crevices and meandering stream. Swimmers can enjoy a refreshing dip at the base of the falls. The Field Office is currently working on developing this area into a fee site. The Idaho Resource Advisory Council has given a positive recommendation for this change.

# **Owyhee Front**



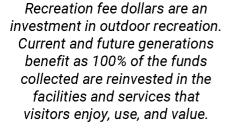
Owyhee Front OHV area

The majority of Owyhee's 1232 funds for the foreseeable future will be spent on covering costs for a SWECO dozer for annual ATV/UTV trail maintenance within the travel management areas. Other 1232 funds will be spent on maintenance tools/items for the trails. These areas combined are roughly 260,000 acres and contain over 900 miles of designated routes. The areas require constant upkeep with sign repair and replacement, fencing repair, equipment rental, trail maintenance, and cattle guard 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 recreationDirect operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program





# Other Accomplishments

The Owyhee Field Office manages two popular travel planning areas that attract year-round visitors from the greater Boise area. Both motorized and non-motorized opportunities are available between these areas. Although there are no fees sites within these units, there are many developed access locations (e.g., trailheads) that offer exceptional amenities for the public.

# Vicinity Map



#### Contacts

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# Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$4,558.40
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$680.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$5,238.40

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$413.46
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$413.46



#### **Planned Activities**



Wilson Creek Tailhead

Owyhee Field Office 's 1232 funds for the foreseeable future will be spent on covering costs (\$4,000 - \$5,000 annually) for a SWECO dozer for annual ATV/UTV trail maintenance within the travel management areas.

Money is also being saved/carried over to implement the Jump Creek fee site project once Owyhee is given the go ahead to proceed with implementing the area's business plan.

## **FY22 Planned Expenditures**

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,500.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$6,500.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$15,500.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$5,000.00

## **Connecting with Communities**

The Owyhee Field Office is adjacent to Boise and due to lower elevation recreation areas, often receives high year-round recreation use. The BLM collaborates closely with Owyhee County for all multiple-use management issues. Due to low population numbers in this county, there are less available resources to manage for the recreation visitation that occurs within this county and field office. For example, Owyhee County doesn't have a large fleet of rescue staff/vehicles and have a hard time responding to emergencies related to this recreation use. To address this problem, both the county and BLM have worked on an education plan and sign strategy. This strategy balances the advertising of recreation opportunities and educating the public through the "Recreate Responsibly" campaign.