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Upper Snake Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

South Fork of the Snake River



Fishing on the South Fork of the Snake River

- New docks and gangways were funded as capital improvement projects. The docks will be installed spring of 2022 at Palisades Dam and Palisades Creek Boat Access sites.
- A new gate was purchased for Twin Bridges and will be installed spring of 2022.
- Repairs to an existing dock at Mike Walker Boat Access was funded. The supplies were ordered in May 2021 but have not been received due to supply chain shortfalls.
- Fee tube repairs were made at numerous boat access sites due to damage from vandalism.

St Anthony Sand Dunes



Riding in the Sand Dunes

- Upgraded 6 "A" campsites to include double electric pedestals at all 10 A campsites
- Planted 10 aspen trees in campground to increase shaded areas
- Purchased materials for kiosk that was built through a partnership with Madison High School Professional Training Extension
- Completed focus group survey, through University of Idaho via assistance agreement, at St. Anthony Sand Dunes in preparation for the upcoming Recreation Area Management Plan.
- Hosted a University of Idaho intern for the summer.

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:

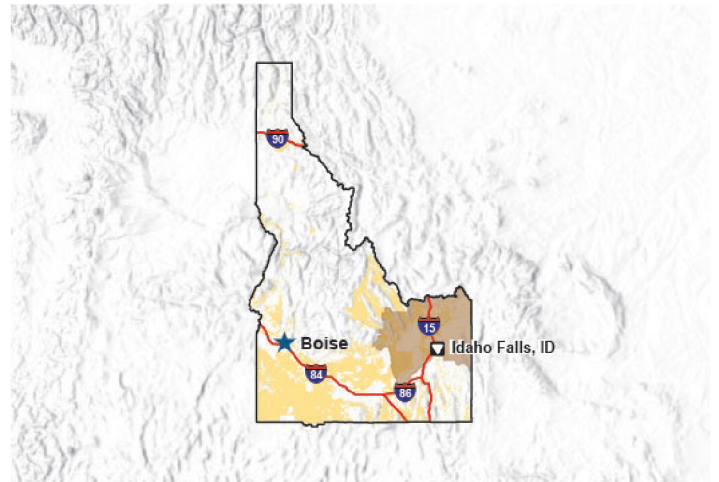
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited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

- Purchased gravel to improve the roads and dispersed campsite loops in Wolf Flats.
- Purchased new signs, stickers, and hardware for designated campsites along the river. In preparation for reservations, the river staff is ensuring that all the designated campsites are signed and mapped for the transition to Recreation.gov.
- Interpretive signs to provide safety and educational information about the Teton River.
- Decals for guide boats.
- Installed new BLM ID signs fire rings, picnic tables in the Birch Creek Group campsites and replaced boards on existing tables.

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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

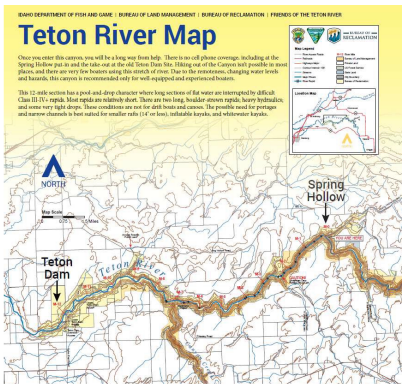
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$218,461.06
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$141,229.38
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$11,357.50
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$371,047.94

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$135,778.48
Visitor Services	\$14,227.01
Law Enforcement	\$503.85
Habitat Restoration	\$44,025.30
Collections/Overhead	\$3,875.67
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$198,410.31



Planned Activities



Teton River Map

- Outreach material and administrative aspects of implementing capacity study. Items could include: signage, maps, boaters guide update.
- Partnership agreement with Idaho Fish and Game to assist with river outfitter compliance and monitoring.
- Egin Lakes Campground will have 26 campsites available to reserve through rec.gov starting on 01/29/22. Additional instructional/regulation signage, QR code signs related to rec.gov will be developed.
- Develop additional access points at the Dunes and install vendor parking pads at Egin.
- Purchase additional kiosk materials

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$307,000.00
Visitor Services	\$69,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$15,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$7,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$23,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$421,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$487,515.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$25,950.00

Connecting with Communities

The Upper Snake Field Office (USFO) actively works to connect communities to their public lands. The USFO has an extensive recreation program. A spectacular landscape provides visitors with an abundance of recreational opportunities. The USFO includes the St. Anthony Sand Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) and the Snake River SRMA (also known as South Fork), premier outdoor recreation destinations for motorized recreation and fishing opportunities respectively in the nation. Recreation visitors to the USFO come from four primary sources: local, regional, and national and international locations. Both SRMA's provide an abundance of recreation opportunities and economic benefits to the local communities. The USFO manages the pristine sand dunes and waters, native cutthroat trout population, attracting thousands of people to BLM-managed campgrounds, dunes and river access points and boat ramps throughout the year. BLM must coordinate with the Shoshone Bannock tribes, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), local counties, as well as local outfitters and businesses to ensure resources are protected while balancing economic benefits for those local communities. An example of a partnership that collaborates and also benefits the communities is the Snake River Fee Program. BLM is a partner, along with U.S. Forest Service, IDFG, Bonneville, Jefferson and Madison counties; with the goal of providing recreation facilities along the river corridor. The partnership actively funds, through fee dollars, improvements and maintenance of boat access sites.

