



# MONTANA\_DAKOTAS Butte Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Volunteers Support Operations



*End of Season Volunteer Get Together*

Recreational opportunities include wildlife viewing, fishing, boating, rafting, or camping. Divide Bridge, Carbella Recreation Area, White Sandy, Departure Point, Log Gulch, Clark's Bay, Devil's Elbow, Holter Lake, and Holter Dam are campgrounds that provide access to the Big Hole and Yellowstone Rivers and Chain of Lakes area. In FY21, we used \$17,983 in FLREA funds to provide campground hosts at these campgrounds; hosts maintain facilities and answer questions.

### Chain of Lakes Maintenance



*Holter Lake Campground*

The Chain of Lakes experiences a high visitation rate, drawing recreationists from across the country. Activities include camping, boating (motorized/non-motorized), fishing, water skiing, hiking, scenic photography, wildlife viewing, and bird watching. Record levels of use were experienced in 2020 and 2021, and additional maintenance and repair projects were needed because of increased visitation. \$37,229 of FLREA funds addressed much-needed repair and maintenance projects.

## 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:

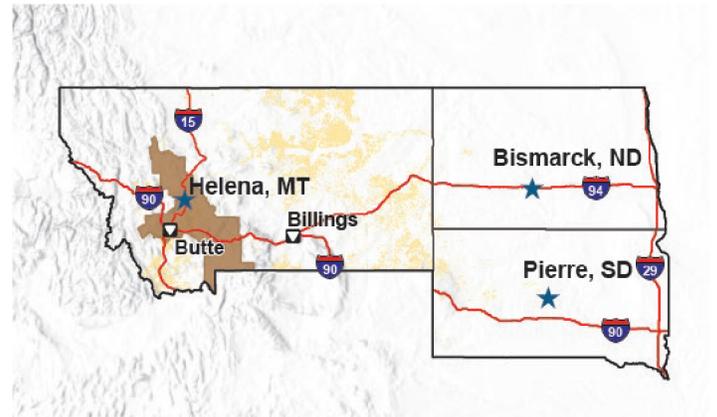
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited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

Additional projects that were completed in FY21 that utilized 1232 funds included: facility cleaning, repairs to water systems to the Log Gulch, White Sandy, Devil's Elbow, Holter Lake, and Clark's Bay recreation areas, purchase of signs and decals, updates to Kiosks, vehicle expenses, and installation of bear boxes.

## Vicinity Map



## Contacts

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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$199,652.93
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$18,166.94
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$5,020.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$222,839.87</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$44,952.26
Visitor Services	\$52.61
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$8,851.95
Collections/Overhead	\$78,529.62
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$132,386.44</b>



## Planned Activities



*White Sandy Campground*

For FY22, we will continue to support volunteer campground hosts, maintain clean facilities, continue to repair and improve the water systems of Log Gulch, White Sandy, Devil's Elbow, Holter Lake, and Clark's Bay, purchase additional signs, implement a bank stabilization project at White Sandy, move forward with roof replacement for Clark's Bay, Log Gulch, and Holter Lake campgrounds, and install Bear Boxes at Divide Bridge Campground.

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$153,000.00
Visitor Services	\$100.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$50,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$203,100.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$90,453.43
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$180,000.00

## Connecting with Communities

In keeping with the Bureau of Land Management policy to "support community service while balancing the interests of all public land users," the BLM participates Missouri-Madison Comprehensive Recreation Plan for the Hauser-Holter Region and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Missouri-Madison River Fund Grant Program. The Missouri-Madison River Fund Grant Program, implemented through the Missouri-Madison Comprehensive Recreation Plan, addresses ongoing needs for public recreation in the Missouri-Madison Project Area. Created as a public-private partnership among local government, state and federal agencies, and licensee of the Project 2188 Hydroelectric Project, River Fund grants and NorthWestern Energy matching funds are awarded annually for qualifying projects.

