



MONTANA_DAKOTAS Dillon Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

To Protect and Serve



Busy Tuber Hatch at California Corner

The Madison River is a diverse environment that experiences a high visitation rate, drawing recreationists from across the country to float and fish the river. Record levels of use were experienced in 2020 and 2021. \$5,785 of FLREA funds were used in FY21 to maintain a presence of BLM Law Enforcement Rangers to provide for visitor safety through daily patrols. Approximately \$40k in other program funds were contributed to help fund law enforcement support costs.

Welcome to Montana



Campground Hosts at Ruby Creek

Red Mountain Campground and Ruby Creek Campground are two campgrounds on the Madison River. Each campground has a range of recreational activities with wildlife viewing, fishing, river tubing, or a camping trip with friends or family. In FY21, we used \$11,016 in FLREA funds to provide campground hosts at these campgrounds. Our hosts maintained the facilities keeping the restrooms clean, answered questions, and helped wayward travelers find a place to lay their heads for the night.

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:

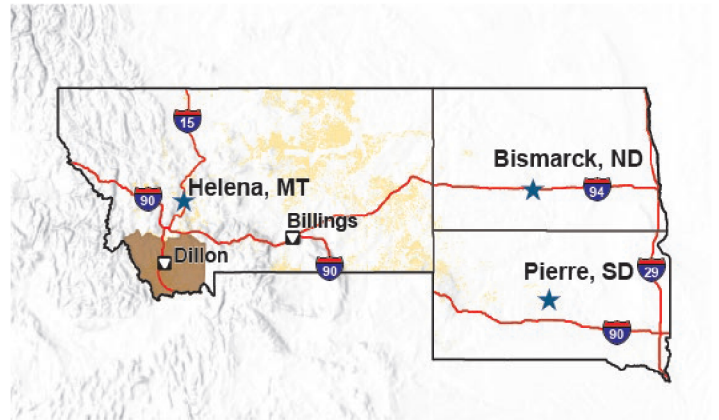
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited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

- River Ranger Training
- Facility Cleaning Supplies
- Firewood Purchase
- Water System Repairs To Ruby Creek, Red Mountain, Trapper Springs, Palisades
- Signs And Decals
- Rodent Abatement Axolotl Cabinvehicle Expenses

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$130,860.89
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$8,751.62
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$560.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$140,172.51

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$31,267.41
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$42,962.19
Habitat Restoration	\$860.76
Collections/Overhead	\$6,408.76
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$81,499.12



Planned Activities



View from Axolotl Lakes Cabin

Upcoming projected projects

- Purchase trailer for Kubota
- Water system upgrade for Ruby Creek CG
- Purchase supplies for the MCC internship
- Gates for Axolotl Lakes WSA
- Warm Springs Parking Lot chip sealing and boat ramp

Planned Expenditures

- Gate installation \$3,000
- Camp Host Stipends \$9,000
- Law enforcement support \$20,000
- Operation and Maintenance costs \$150,000

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$153,000.00
Visitor Services	\$9,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$20,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$182,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$58,672.99
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$80,000.00

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 in the Madison Working Group with other federal, state, and local governments, non-governmental organizations, and commercial operators, and the general public. The group aims to develop a management plan for the Madison River that will address recreation experiences, levels of use, and impacts on fisheries and natural resources on and along the river.

