



# MONTANA\_DAKOTAS Lewistown Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### SRP Administration



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The Lewistown Field Office (LFO) administers 24 Special Recreation Permits (SRP) for big game hunting and fishing. By recognizing the value of the outfitter industry, the LFO supports community values and promoting the quality of life that typifies Central Montana. Local communities benefit significantly from the economic impact that the outfitter industry provides. In FY21, the Field Office spent \$2,556 from SRP revenue fees for reviewing, issuing, and administering the SRP program.

### Lowry Bridge Rec Site Volunteers



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The Lewistown Field Office (LFO) has been fortunate to have campground hosts at Lowry Bridge for the past 12 years. Through the assistance of the camp hosts, the LFO provides the public with a clean, safe, and enjoyable site for camping, floating, and commercial fishing opportunities. Because permitted fishing outfitters utilize the site for river access, permit revenue is used for reimbursement. In FY21, the Field Office spent \$2,194 from SRP revenue fees for camp host living expenses.

## 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:

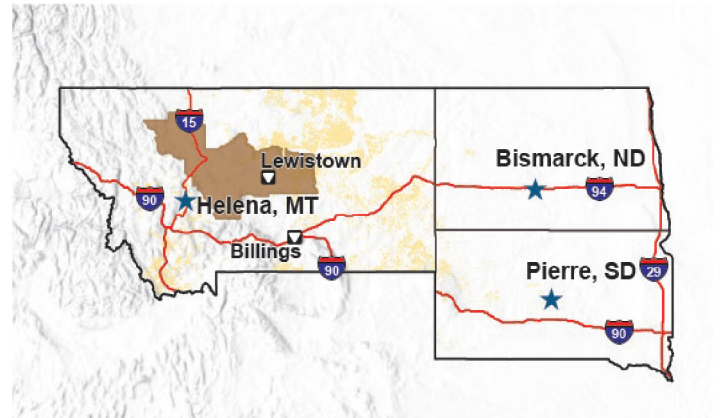
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited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

- Provided logistical support to camp hosts.
- Issuance of new outfitter and guide SRPs for big game hunting.
- Modified outfitter/guide and aviation SRPs to reflect new operations plans.
- Monitored operational activities for 19 outfitters and guided SRPs.

## Vicinity Map



## Contacts

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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$13,669.62
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,020.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$14,689.62</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$2,556.47
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$2,194.40
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$4,750.87</b>



### Planned Activities



*Musselshell River Breaks*

The Musselshell River Breaks area is a mix of private and public land ownership. Its attractive game populations are a desirable area for the hunting outfitter industry. Evidence of human waste is noticeable at roadside pull-offs throughout the area. Through the revenue generated from special recreation permits from hunting outfitters, the Lewistown Field Office plans to install two vault toilets to promote human health and safety as no restroom facilities presently exist. This project is estimated to cost \$60,000 and will also benefit the general public year-round. The Field Office has saved previous fiscal year revenue to fund this project.

### FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$2,300.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$2,200.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$4,500.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$13,669.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$13,000.00

### Connecting with Communities

The Lewistown Field Office collaborates with a variety of community groups that are interested in various recreational pursuits. User groups include hikers, mountain bikers, conservation groups that focus on wildlife habitat enhancement, and local Backcountry Horsemen chapters. Several of these groups enter into volunteer agreements with the Field Office to support annual field projects. Through their communication channels, these groups advertise the Central Montana recreational opportunities to outlying communities. Several recent projects focused on trail clearing, tread work, and fence and gate construction. These special interest groups, and the volunteer activities they engage in, provide meaningful involvement for their group members. Any community-based projects on BLM land requiring NEPA analysis require the consideration of environmental justice during the planning process. The Socio-Economic Profile Tool and the EPA's EJScreen are used during the planning process to identify environmental justice populations and for conducting an environmental justice analysis.

