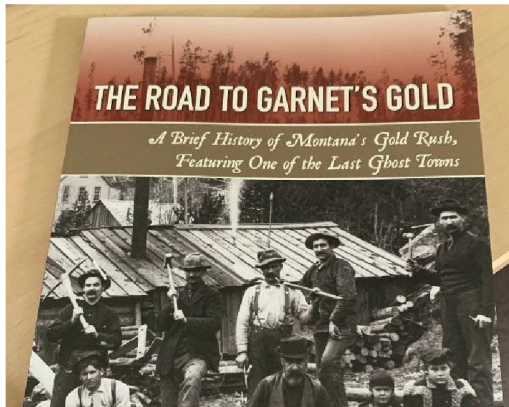




# MONTANA\_DAKOTAS Missoula Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Garnet Book



Garnet Book

After years of research and development, the BLM Missoula Field Office (MiFO) published a book on Garnet Ghost Town – 5000 copies were printed. The book details the history of Garnet, starting in the early days of gold discovery in western Montana and ending in the 1940s when the town was mostly abandoned. Fee revenue was used for the research as well as the publishing. MiFO's private, non-profit partner sells the book in the Visitor's Center at Garnet. Revenue generated from the sales will go back to Garnet.  
\$15,650 was spent.

### Limestone Cliff SRMA



Limestone Cliffs Rock Climbing

Limestone Cliffs Special Recreation Management Area comprises a unique geological feature that supports rock climbing and educational field trips by local schools. In FY2021, the BLM MiFO partnered with a local rock climbing club to maintain the trails to the rock climbing areas. Fee revenue was used to buy materials for the trail maintenance.

\$1535.00 was spent

## 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:

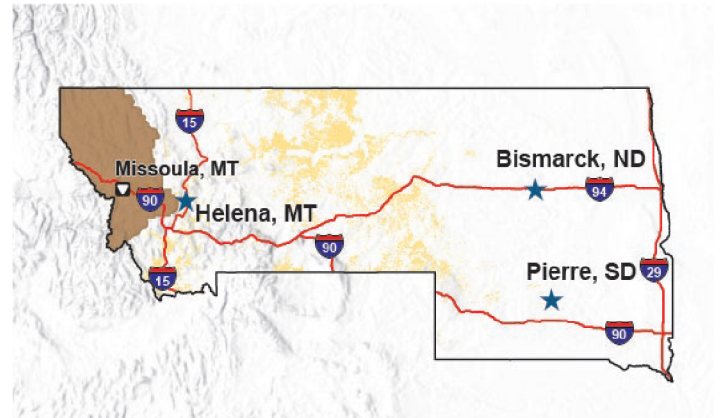
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited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

In FY2021, fee revenue was also spent on Garnet Ghost town volunteer reimbursement, equipment, supplies, and seasonal labor.

## Vicinity Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$33,573.06
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$13,287.07
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$7,220.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$54,080.13</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$2,327.84
Visitor Services	\$32,469.51
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$768.42
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$35,565.77</b>



### Planned Activities



Garnet Ghost Town

Garnet Ghost town receives over 30,000 visitors from mid-May through mid-October. With decreasing budgets and increasing visitation, and increasing length of the visitation season, the majority of fee revenue will be used to pay for seasonal labor, volunteer reimbursement, equipment, and supplies in FY2022. Trail maintenance is also proposed at Limestone Cliffs SRMA again this Fiscal Year.

### FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$1,500.00
Visitor Services	\$50,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$3,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$54,500.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$18,514.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$16,014.00

### Connecting with Communities

The BLM Missoula Field Office has a long history of working with partners to provide recreational opportunities on public lands, including but not limited to hunting, fishing, camping, other river activities, rock climbing, driving for pleasure, and touring an abandoned historic town. Those partners include Garnet Preservation Association, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and private landowners in the Blackfoot River Recreation Corridor. These recreational opportunities provide economic benefits to local communities by bringing visitors from the more urban areas of western Montana and all over the country. In addition, some of the recreational activities provide educational opportunities to youth from local schools.

