



NEW MEXICO Socorro Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021



Datil Well Campground



Host site septic upgrade

The Bureau of Land Management upgraded the system and installed a 1,270-gallon septic tank with a drain line to reduce the amount of time it would need to be pumped annually, decreasing the overall cost. In addition, the staff upgraded the host site with new cold weather water connections and a 30/50-amp electrical pedestals. The site needed an upgrade to accommodate the current requirements for RVs.

Datil Well Boundary Fence



SMRA boundary fence replacement

Staff rebuilt the Special Recreation Management (SMRA) fence to keep cattle from entering the campground from an adjacent Forest Service allotment. The fence was replaced using metal tee-post and smooth wire to wildlife-friendly specifications to allow wildlife such as elk and deer to cross—Local staff estimated the cost of the fence and labor to build the fence to be 10,000 dollars.

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



Other Accomplishments

The BLM uses the generated fees to maintain the campground operation - the purchasing of supplies such as trash bags, hand sanitizer, safety equipment, signs, and toilet paper. The fees are used for reimbursement and used to maintain the Utility Terrain Vehicle used for cleaning and hauling garbage within the campground. Volunteers are integral to the campground operation to ensure compliance from visitors and provide interpretive information.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Fiscal year 2021 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$8,422.06
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$340.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for Fiscal Year 2021	\$8,762.06

Fiscal Year 2021 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$36,420.34
Visitor Services	\$3,075.57
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2021	\$39,495.91



Planned Activities



Planned projects FY22

The field office received deferred maintenance funding to replace picnic shelters and upgrade an Americans with Disabilities Act site. In addition, to replace the fee area with a new kiosk, iron ranger, and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant surface.

Fiscal Year 2022 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$40,000.00
Visitor Services	\$4,500.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022	\$
Prior Year Carryover	\$7,500.00
Fiscal Year 2022 Projected Revenue	\$12,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Bureau of Land Management provides necessary facilities at the Datil Well Campground to increase campers' safety, appreciation, and sanitation. The new upgrades and proposed facilities will also meet the needs of the increasing users and visitation. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management will be doing a business plan which will allow the Bureau of Land Management to propose more appropriate fees, consistent with similar sites in the area. These projects will help the Bureau of Land Management better serve its diverse users and provide for necessary maintenance and management of the campground.

