



NEW MEXICO Farmington Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021



Wildlife Waters Project



Wildlife water being cleaned of sediment

A significant portion of special recreation permit funds is generated from commercial hunting and outfitting businesses. To direct funds back to the source, the Field Office identified various wildlife waters that needed maintenance. The Field Office rented a small (D5) dozer to complete the tasks. Field Office staff cleaned out, or otherwise maintained, ten dirt tanks that were silted in and are no longer holding water.

Rec Area Group Shelter



Pavilion, picnic tables and post-cable

The Field Office constructed a 20'x24' group shelter at Simon Canyon Recreation area to provide an improved recreational experience to the public. BLM staff completed all construction for this effort.

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 Field Office used funds to hire a seasonal employee for cleaning and maintenance. Per the Business Plan, the goal is to maintain an average of three prior years of funding to acquire enough funds to complete larger permits. The number of funds collected did not meet projections, primarily because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the Field Office has not expended a significant 1232 funds during FY21. The projects reflected here are within the three years indicated for planned usage of accumulated funding. As a result, the expenditures exceed the income for FY21.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$27,603.98
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$3,920.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$31,523.98

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$21,800.00
Visitor Services	\$109.61
Law Enforcement	\$9,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$5,800.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$36,709.61



Planned Activities



Improvements to the new MTB trailhead

The next major capital project that the Field Office is looking to undertake is a vault toilet at a newly constructed mountain bike park/staging area. The Field Office also intends to fill a seasonal maintenance worker position.

Given the general increase in costs, the carryover balance may not be enough to cover the projected costs. To that end, the Field Office is exploring additional funding sources to augment the planning.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$75,000.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$75,000.00
Prior Year Carryover	\$71,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$22,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Field Office has strong partnerships with the local cities, San Juan County, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and various local user groups. The result of these partnerships is a significant increase in outdoor recreation opportunities within the Farmington Field Office. A new campground, off-highway vehicle training area, over 26 miles of new MTB trail, and a skills park are just a tiny part of these partnership accomplishments.

The upgrades to outdoor recreation were not feasible without these critical partnerships. We have created a better place to live, work, and play.

