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## Las Cruces District Office

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021



#### Volunteer Site Hosts



Site Hosts stand by the entrance to Three Rivers

Wandering the trails at Three Rivers can be overwhelming, with the over 21,000 petroglyphs spread over basalt rocks and left by the Jornada Mogollon people. These spectacular public resources need protection. The Las Cruces District Office utilizes 1232 funds to reimburse volunteers for managing the site, caring for the campground, preserving cultural resources, and answering questions from the public in our visitor center (\$10,428).

#### Fastest Flush in the West



Three Rivers Visitor Center

Public use has increased at the Three Rivers Petroglyph campground, creating more wear and tear on infrastructure and amenities. This year, Operations staff used 1232 funds to replace leaking pipes, urinals, and faucets inside the flushing restroom facility and visitor center (\$1,600). This has led to an improved visitor experience and compliments from the public regarding the site.

#### 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

- Reimburse Lake Valley Historic Townsite volunteer site hosts (\$10,428)
- Printing of brochures and recreation use permit envelopes (\$7,691)
- Supplies for cleaning/maintaining recreation sites (\$2,178)
- Utilities for the recreation sites, including gas, electric, and water (\$3,099)

### Vicinity Map



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### Revenue & Expenditures

**FY21 Revenue**

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$22,859.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$11,969.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$10,065.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$44,893.00</b>

**FY21 Expenditures**

Repair & Maintenance	\$13,569.00
Visitor Services	\$7,691.37
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$20,856.00
Collections/Overhead	\$2,725.60
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$44,842.06</b>



## Planned Activities



*Trail Improvements*

- New interpretation materials at recreation sites (\$6,000)
- Updated portal signs at recreation sites (\$6,000)
- Trailhead and trail work (\$16,000)

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$14,000.00
Visitor Services	\$8,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$21,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$48,000.00
Prior Year Carryover	\$28,068.16
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$46,000.00

## Connecting with Communities

Tortugas Mountain Trail system, jointly managed with New Mexico State University, is not just unique to the citizens of Las Cruces, NM, who recreate there daily. The Mountain is sacred to the people of the Tortugas Pueblo, who have used the Mountain in ceremonies for centuries. In September 2021, the BLM joined the University, El Paso Electric, a friends' group, and the Tortugas Pueblo to clean up the Mountain for National Public Lands Day. They picked up trash and improved the trail system leading to the summit. This event marks the first time the BLM and Tortugas Pueblo have come together to support the Mountain. The BLM Las Cruces District Office will continue to work with Tortugas Pueblo and the University to clean up the Mountain to facilitate greater environmental wellbeing and improve the economic benefits to the local community through our Connecting with Communities BLM Recreation Strategy.

