



# NEW MEXICO Taos Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Revived Motorboat Use



Boat Ramp at Santa Cruz Lake

The field office restored and maintained a motorboat for Santa Cruz Lake to conduct visitor contacts on the lake and reach remote areas for trash clean-up and clearing of branches and obstacles. The cost of maintenance and staff training was \$4,500.

### Patrolling with a Utility Terrain Vehicle



Overview of Santa Cruz Lake

The field office purchased a Utility Terrain Vehicle to patrol and conduct maintenance at Santa Cruz Lake on primitive routes. The cost of the Utility Terrain Vehicle was \$25,000.

## 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:

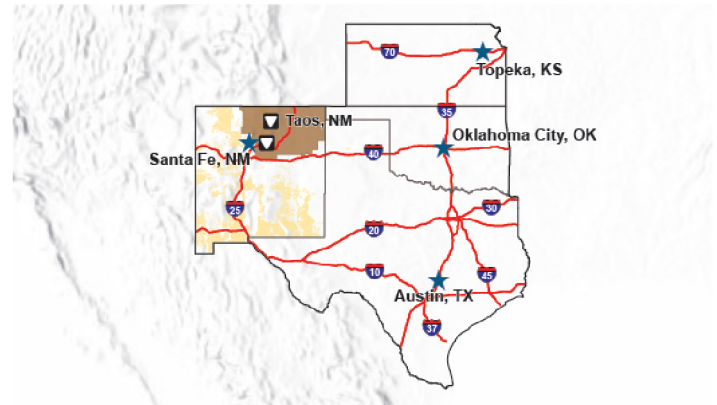
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited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

- Mitigation of vandalism at Santa Cruz Lake
- Completed maintenance on shade shelters at Santa Cruz Lake
- Toilet pumping
- Visitor contact and maintenance with volunteer camp hosts, Park Managers, and Park Rangers
- Law Enforcement patrols
- Purchase improved fee collection equipment
- Potable water sampling
- Cleaning supplies
- Equipment repair
- Signs

## Vicinity Map



## Contacts

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#### Recreation Fee Program Contact

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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$69,316.57
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$22,941.36
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$7,300.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$128,209.93</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$9,770.00
Visitor Services	\$6,774.23
Law Enforcement	\$33.61
Habitat Restoration	\$745.98
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$17,323.82</b>



## Planned Activities



Heavy equipment operator for Santa Cruz Lake

- Purchase of safes for fee collection
- Continue construction of Santa Cruz Lake contact station
- Expand Spanish education and information efforts at Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Area

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

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

## Connecting with Communities

Part of the strategy within the BLM Recreation and Visitor Services Program is to connect with communities, making the benefits of recreation more accessible to communities while supporting local social, economic, and environmental goals.

In 2021, the BLM met External Goal 1: Support Community Service Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Lands Users and Strategic Focus 1: Proactively Engage with Communities.

The field office achieved this goal through a cooperative agreement. The field office partnered with New Mexico Wilderness Alliance to conduct wilderness character monitoring and provide entry signs and sign kiosks for the Sabinoso Wilderness. The partnership also conducted campsite monitoring along the Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River.

Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Area staff worked with local communities to develop ideas on best managing the recreation area while meeting local concerns for safety, cleanliness, and access. This included developing a Spanish Frequently Asked Questions cheat sheet and adding Spanish on signs at the North Shore.

