



# NEVADA

## Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

#### Harris Springs RAMP



*A typical view of the Harris Springs area.*

\$84,687 of recreation fee revenue was used to partially fund the Harris Springs Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP). The RAMP addresses public access and connectivity to U.S. Forest Service lands, OHV use, unauthorized route restoration, general recreation, and strategies for managing future visitation as nearby population centers grow and recreation interest in this area increases. This plan will provide long-term management direction for an area of Red Rock Canyon NCA that has not been directly managed in the past.

#### Calico Basin RAMP



*The typical landscape of Calico Basin.*

\$28,620 of recreation fee revenue partially funds the Calico Basin Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP). The Calico Basin is world-renowned for its impressive sandstone rock formations ranging in color from red, orange, and yellow, to white, tan, and purple. This area attracts nearly 1 million visitors per year. The RAMP addresses social trail proliferation, crowding at the trailheads, parking issues, traffic congestion, erosion, vegetation disturbance, and riparian habitat protection and improves the visitor experience.

### 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

- Filled Vacancy for four Seasonal Park Rangers
- Filled Vacancy for Outdoor Recreation Planner
- Filled Vacancy for Volunteer Coordinator
- Filled Vacancy for Interpretation/Education Park Ranger
- Filled Promotion for Interpretation/Education Park Ranger
- Added to Assistance Agreement with Southern Nevada Conservancy to collect fees at the Fee Station, operate the gift shop and provide interpretive and educational programming
- Fence repairs and maintenance
- Traffic sign repairs Maintenance on public facilities (vault toilets, tent pads, boardwalk, picnic tables, and shade shelters)

Note: This is a representative list of projects, not a comprehensive list. Other projects were completed using fee funds.

### Vicinity Map



### Contacts

#### Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

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### Revenue & Expenditures

#### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$2,953,817.33
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$107,581.99
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$545,780.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$3,607,179.32</b>

#### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$762,891.84
Visitor Services	\$1,176,241.55
Law Enforcement	\$17,075.10
Habitat Restoration	\$420,439.86
Collections/Overhead	\$410,889.13
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$2,787,537.48</b>



Planned Activities



*Lost Creek Boardwalk*

- Construct a return road on the Scenic Drive from Sandstone Quarry to the Visitor Center.
- Reroute a waterline to Red Rock Campground from Red Rock Fire Station.
- Repair the Lost Creek boardwalk.
- Repair and re-seal several roads and parking lots.
- Repave Red Rock Campground/Moenkopi road.
- Replace Willow Springs vault toilet and repair accessible pathway.
- Add two vault toilets at Red Rock Campground.
- Expand footprint of Red Rock Fire Station to allow for additional secured storage.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$2,069,375.00
Visitor Services	\$1,137,500.00
Law Enforcement	\$751,250.00
Habitat Restoration	\$178,125.00
Collections/Overhead	\$518,750.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$4,655,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$819,641.84
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$4,508,974.15

Connecting with Communities

The Red Rock Canyon NCA recreation team, has developed an effective partnership with the Southern Nevada Climbers Coalition (SNCC) to mitigate impacts in high-visitation areas. This partnership has sustained a long-standing “wag bag” program that provides disposable human waste bags at five popular climbing areas. Red Rock and SNCC collaborated on an effective trail rehab, graffiti, and trash cleanup weekend in the famous Calico Basin and Kraft Boulders area.

In FY21, the recreation program focused much of its attention on Resource Management Plan External Strategy, Goal 2, and Strategic Focus 2 and began work on three RAMPs. These RAMPs are focused on two of the most visited areas within Red Rock NCA and one area that is projected to see increased use as the suburban population of Las Vegas grows. Public outreach and information gathering were a top priority for these projects. The BLM attended many community gatherings, hosted several public comment meetings, and had public information gathering periods early on in each plan.

As part of the public coordination during the RAMP planning process, Red Rock strengthened its communications and outreach efforts under RMP Internal Strategy, Goal 3, to building stronger, more effective relationships with many user groups. Red Rock staff have been actively engaging the Southern Nevada Climbers Coalition, Southern Nevada Mountain Bike Association, and the Bristlecone Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of America, seeking input on current recreation activities throughout the NCA specific desires of those user groups regarding future management goals and direction.

