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NEVADA Sierra Front Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Eagle Scout Project



Youths Staining Newly Installed Information Kiosk.

This \$4,300 project included the installation of two boundary signs (i.e., BLM rebrand) for the Indian Creek Recreation Area and kiosk staining at Curtz Lake Trailhead. The Eagle Scout worked closely with BLM personnel to ensure standards were incorporated into project design and implementation. The kiosk was installed by BLM seasonal fire personnel and provided information on recreation opportunities in the area. The kiosk was destroyed during the 2021 Tamarack Fire.

North Reno Recreation Area



Completed bathroom pad and campsite delineation.

BLM, along with support from the NV OHV Commission and local partners, completed an EA for the North Reno Recreation Area, establishing the area as a developed recreation site. This project promotes Public Health & Safety and mitigates resource concerns. Completed work includes constructing bathroom pads, kiosks, site/regulatory signs, camp area delineation, dumpsters, and portable restrooms for high-use weekends. A postholiday weekend cleanup event was held with volunteers accruing 190 hours of work time! Project costs totaled \$81K.

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 recreationDirect operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



Other Accomplishments

- Reestablished non-motorized boundary signs at the Sand Hills Critical Winter Deer Range to notify public users of the seasonal offhighway vehicle closure.
- Administered and monitored nineteen (19) Special Recreation Permits not under cost recovery.
- Provided seasonal portable restrooms, washing station, and trash services at the Indian Creek day-use area and boat ramp while the campground was closed for renovation.
- Provided law enforcement and year-round trash services at Wilson Canyon recreation area.

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

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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$15,763.82
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$4,311.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$20,074.82

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$85,740.25
Visitor Services	\$6,413.78
Law Enforcement	\$6,098.54
Habitat Restoration	\$684.84
Collections/Overhead	\$1,330.89
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$100,268.30



Planned Activities



Destroyed bathroom at Indian Creek Campground

Due to the 2021 Tamarack Fire, which closed the Indian Creek Campground, no new RUP-based revenues will be collected. Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation funds will be used to repair infrastructure within Indian Creek Recreation Area, including the campground and Curtz Lake Trailhead. In FY22, we plan to complete the OHV barrier at Hangman's Bridge river access, continue developing infrastructure at North Reno Recreation Area, including two new bathroom pads and kiosks, and administer and monitor up to 26 Special Recreation Permits not under cost recovery. We will also continue law enforcement and year-round trash services at Wilson Canyon Recreation Area.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$46,200.00
Visitor Services	\$35,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$8,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$91,700.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$83,530.97
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$35,000.00

Connecting with Communities

By utilizing funds collected under the FLREA, the Sierra Front Field Office will make meaningful connections with visitors to BLM-managed lands. Specifically, visitors will appreciate clean trailheads and restroom facilities and benefit from up-to-date informational kiosks and signage. Fees generated through the SRP program will enhance the SFFOs ability to process permits in a timely manner, independent of appropriated funding allocations. Partners and youth will benefit through volunteering and learning about stewardship by providing visitor information and repairing infrastructure. Fees collected under FLREA will help keep infrastructure and visitor services programs up to date and relevant, promoting a positive image of the agency and respect for natural resources in their community.

