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Tonopah Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Rhyolite Structures Report



Rhyolite Train Depot

The Battle Mountain District worked with the NPS's National Historic Preservation Center to prepare a Historic Structures Report. The report was prepared for the 1908 Train Depot in the Rhyolite Townsite. The project cost approximately \$80,000.00 and included documentary, graphic, and physical information about the property's history and its existing condition. The report will assist the BMDO in stabilizing and restoring the structures on the site for visitors to enjoy.

SRP Event Monitoring



A truck at the 2021 Rebelle Rally

The Battle Mountain District issues several commercial and competitive Special Recreation Permits (SRP) every year, primarily within the Tonopah Field Office. Of those permits, a few require staff monitoring before, during, and after the event. Three of the events are high-speed races that include motorcycles, OHVs, and trophy trucks. Another permit is a large low-speed navigational event requiring monitoring due to many participants.

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

- Hiring an additional Outdoor Recreation Planner
- Monitoring and patrolling recreation areas throughout the BMDO
- Supporting TFO law enforcement staff
- Cultural Surveys for the Beatty Bike Trails
- Vault toilet cleaning and pumping
- Issuance and administration of Special Recreation Permits

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)	\$23,181.31
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$480.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$23,661.31

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$875.10
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$12,906.33
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$13,781.43



Planned Activities



Rhyolite Miner's Cabin

- Rhyolite Miner's Cabin Preservation
- Rhyolite Shade Structures
- Purchase and install one kiosk at Lunar Crater, which has no interpretation. The scenic byway and Lunar Crater receive around 10,000 visitors annually.
- Miscellaneous signs for Hickison Recreation Area, Shoshone OHV Trails, and Mill Creek Campground.
- Overhead and administrative supplies for two recreation planners.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$16,000.00
Visitor Services	\$32,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$20,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$2,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$70,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$56,130.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$21,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Battle Mountain District Recreation Program works closely with various county departments, including County Road Departments, Public Lands Departments, and Tourism Departments. The Nye and Esmerelda Counties are heavily involved with the high-speed racing events that the BLM permits. Coordination with them ensures that public health and safety measures are met before and after each race.

Esmerelda County assists the BLM in maintaining local hot springs. The collaborative actions provide visitors with clean recreation facilities such as restrooms and trash cans, overall enhancing the visitors' experience.

Nye County assists the BLM with advertising and organizing local outreach events such as National Public Lands Day and Beatty Days. Volunteer days allow the public to have a vested interest in their public lands and the opportunity to learn from specialists.

The Battle Mountain District is also working to connect the town of Beatty with its nearby public lands through the Beatty Mountain Bike Trails project. This project will provide a non-motorized outdoor outlet for locals and help bolster the local economy by capturing drive-through traffic that might stop to enjoy the trails and local community's amenities when the project is completed.

