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# NEVADA Wells Field Office

#### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

#### The campground gets a new sign!



The new sign will help recreation in the area.

Tabor Creek Campground is one of the recreation areas that sits uniquely within a creek's watershed. BLM used FY 21 funds to install a brand-new sign to announce the campground's recreation opportunities, including fishing, wildlife viewing, picnicking, and camping. The old sign was installed in the 1980s and was in terrible shape. This is one of the many improvements planned for Tabor Creek Campground over the next few years.

#### Vault Toilet holds up to vandals!



Replaced lock and handle.

The Tabor Creek Campground serves as a base camp for many recreationists in Elko County. During the Global Pandemic, one of the vault toilets doors was vandalized. The door stood up against a blunt object used to smash the door handle and lock. The damage left the lock, and the door handle scratched and dented, making it unusable. BLM used FY 21 funds to order a replacement and paint to remedy the scratched portions. Our camp host Richard Green provided the expert labor.

### **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**

BLM completed annual maintenance to ensure sites and facilities were kept sanitary and operational.

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

# Vicinity Map



#### Contacts

#### **Revenue & Expenditures**

FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$1,010.94
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$5,927.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$6,937.94

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,102.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,225.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$2,327.00



Wells Field Office

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# Planned Activities



Road and Brushwork needs.

Plans for Tabor Creek Campground include offering on-site trash service, road maintenance, brushwork, painting of picnic tables, annual maintenance, pumping the Vault Toilets, and installing a fishing line disposal station. If available, planned costs greatly exceed revenue, and 1232 funds will be supplemented through MLR funding.

# FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$4,919.77
Visitor Services	\$26.66
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$277.47
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$5,223.90
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$11,502.60
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$3,000.00

# **Connecting with Communities**

Tabor Creek Campground provides essential riparian habitat to the Wells area. It is also the only recreation site for 200 miles in every direction! Tabor Creek has served and will continue to serve as an essential haven for outdoor recreation activities and outdoor education. Moving forward during an ever-evolving global pandemic, improvement of the Tabor creek road would benefit the safety of and increase the accessibility to this important recreation site for the public in Elko County and beyond. The access improvements would help the public interpret the importance of habitat restoration and outcome-based grazing practices in Nevada. This increased accessibility will also allow disabled individuals to use this resource.

The Wells Field office proposes to build up the access road within and leading to the campground, armor the access to each campsite, grade and mow shoulders of the road, armor stream crossings, install pull-outs and turn-arounds, install better ADA access points, retrofit two existing campsites to ADA standards, install two kiosks and safety signage, and create a campground information site. These improvements would assist in interpreting the site and help visitors connect with their public lands in a deeper and more meaningful way.

