



OREGON/WASHINGTON Border Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Partner Equestrian Project



Equestrian Improvements Partner Project

In April 2021, BLM and Back Country Horsemen (BCH) of Washington, Ponderosa Chapter, built two campsites and one picnic area within the equestrian side of the Rock Creek Recreation Site in eastern Washington's Channeled Scablands. The area is popular for hiking, equestrian, fishing, biking, and hunting. BLM used \$3,200 of fee receipts for fire rings and concrete pads, picnic tables, and fencing materials. BCH provided eight metal corrals.

Rec Services and Materials



AKC Tracking Dog Walking Dog Trial

In 2021, BLM fee expenditures included:

- \$956 porta-potty rental at the popular Hog Lake Loop Trail Trailhead in the Fishtrap Area
- \$367 for trailhead and recreation site fencing materials

Recreation maintenance helps BLM preserve the quality of visitor experiences and protect resources, benefiting recreation visitors, including permitted events. Fishtrap is near the Spokane metro area, where BLM currently administers four dog trial SRPs and an orienteering event SRP.

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

Other FY21 accomplishments included expenditures for routine recreation maintenance equipment and materials, as follows:

- \$213 – Various recreation maintenance tools and improvement materials
- \$617 - Traffic counter docking unit + batteries
- \$154 – Maintenance volunteer magnetic vehicle signs
- \$23 – Juniper Dunes OHV Area volunteer clean-up dump fee

Total: \$1,007

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$5,055.06
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$5,055.06

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$4,577.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$956.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$5,533.00



Planned Activities



Crab Creek

Border Field Office List of FY22 Planned 1232 Activities:

- Mowing of 3-acre SRP dog trials event staging/camping area at the Crab Creek primitive recreation site, plus other rec site maintenance, including weeds, vegetation, corrals, water troughs, fences, and gates. Est. \$2,000
- Soil conditioning/mowing of 3 miles of SRP-authorized vegetated primitive 2-track roads at Crab Creek supporting several spring and fall SRP dog trials. Est. \$1,500
- Monthly porta-potty rental at Fishtrap Area (currently hosts 5 SRPs)

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$3,500.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$4,500.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$6,124.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$4,400.00

Connecting with Communities

For at least 20 years and ongoing, Border Field Office (BFO) has permitted four horseback hunting breed pointer dog trial club SRPs at its Crab Creek Area, with staging and camping at its primitive recreation site. A judge and handler ride out in braces to judge each dog's ability to find previously planted gamebirds (chukars) and then hold point until a blank round is fired. Three different chapters of the AKC American Brittany Clubs each have an event in succession, annually, in April and then again in September. They camp for up to 14 days. The Inland Empire German Shorthair Pointer Club holds an additional September dog trial there. FY 2021 SRP visitation for the combined seven events was 772 attendees. The recreation site and area are otherwise popular year-round, especially for fishing, horseback riding, camping, and hiking.

After BLM required the use of only certified weed-free hay, BFO, working with rancher associations and WA State entities, gathered contact information for certified weed-free hay producers and sellers, including private ranches, to support equestrian SRP needs. With this help, and through their research, these permittees arranged with a local rancher to provide weed-free hay at a reasonable cost without significant transportation cost and difficulty and arranged for him to leave a truck onsite onto which all horse manure at the staging/camping area was/is loaded, which he then spreads on his fields.

