



OREGON/WASHINGTON Central Oregon Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Managing the Permit System



Boaters on the John Day River

In Fiscal Year 2021, the Central Oregon Field Office expended \$3,878.23 in recreation fee revenue to support the administration of both the John Day River boater permits and the processing of Special Recreation Permits (SRP). In addition, staff answered calls and emails and made public contacts to continue supporting the public as demand for boater permits increased.

John Day River Maintenance



Member of public stopping at the facility

The John Day Wild and Scenic River, located in Central Oregon, attracts boaters of all skill levels. The BLM reinvested \$13,462.63 in recreation revenues in Fiscal Year 2021 to enhance the visitor experiences on the river by maintaining facilities, launches, and take-outs. Both the river and launch points were consistently patrolled by BLM employees and through a partnership with the Oregon State Police.

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

- BLM employees logged 548 river miles patrolled on the John Day River
- BLM employees made 1,376 public contacts.
- BLM employees maintained developed recreation facilities during a 350% increase in visitation on the river from May 20 to July 10.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

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| Recreation Use Permits (RUPs) | \$7,574.00 |
| Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) | \$11,528.00 |
| Individual Special Recreation Permits | \$87,886.00 |
| Interagency Passes | \$0.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21 | \$106,998.00 |

FY21 Expenditures

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| Repair & Maintenance | \$19,128.00 |
| Visitor Services | \$5,885.00 |
| Law Enforcement | \$0.00 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$0.00 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$0.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21 | \$25,013.00 |



Planned Activities



View from above of the John Day River basin

- Funding for seasonal employees
- Administration of boater permits and Special Recreation Permits
- Law enforcement support
- Updating the John Day River Boater Guide
- Conducting a campground inventory

FY22 Planned Expenditures

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| Repair & Maintenance | \$54,000.00 |
| Visitor Services | \$500.00 |
| Law Enforcement | \$10,000.00 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$0.00 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$0.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22 | \$64,500.00 |
| FY21 End of Year Carryover | \$87,492.00 |
| FY22 Projected Revenue | \$60,000.00 |

Connecting with Communities

The Central Oregon Field Office is committed to making the benefits of recreation along the John Day River more accessible to communities while supporting local social, economic, and environmental goals. Through the issuance of Special Recreation Permits (SRP), the BLM supports local small businesses and recreation users who experience the river with an experienced guide and outfitter. The BLM values the services the outfitter and guide community provides, especially for those who are boating, fishing, or hunting on the John Day River for the first time. Permit holders on the John Day River include a diverse spectrum of users, from local municipalities offering day trips to experienced guides and outfitters offering multi-day trips, creating opportunities for a wide diversity of public land visitors.

