



OREGON/WASHINGTON Coos Bay District

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Loon Lake Recreation Site



Damaged Restroom at Loon Lake

After a snowstorm toppled trees that damaged critical infrastructure at Loon Lake Recreation Site, the BLM used \$36,149.19 of recreation fee revenue in Fiscal Year 2021 to supplement appropriated funding for the design and construction of replacement facilities. The BLM hired an engineering contractor to design repairs for a damaged maintenance building, a new restroom, and a water system that supplies potable water to visitors and employees. Construction began in late FY21, with plans to reopen the site in summer 2022.

Edson Creek Bridge



Temporary Bridge at Edson Creek

The BLM used \$7,370.00 of recreation fee revenue in FY21 to install a seasonal bridge across Edson Creek to access the campground's five group sites. The seasonal bridge provides reliable and safe access across the creek for vehicles and trailers, while also protecting the freshwater habitat for many fish, including Oregon Coast Coho and Steelhead, that live in Edson Creek. The BLM hires a contractor who installs the bridge each summer and removes it when the camping season ends.

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 services, 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

- Routine and annual maintenance of developed recreation facilities, including vault toilet pumping and septic services (\$19,055.25)
- Issued and managed recreation use permits and provided visitor services with seasonal employees, including resource protection, overhead, and administrative costs (\$6,245.04)

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$34,364.41
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$8,320.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$42,684.41

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$62,574.44
Visitor Services	\$1,383.75
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$3,954.32
Collections/Overhead	\$906.97
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$68,819.48



Planned Activities



Northwest Youth Corps Crew

- Complete Loon Lake facility repairs (\$104,612)
- Northwest Youth Corps grounds maintenance work at recreation sites (\$20,000)
- Cape Blanco Lighthouse site maintenance (\$20,000)
- Edson Bridge seasonal bridge installation/removal (\$7,500)
- Issue and manage recreation use permits and provide visitor services with seasonal labor force (\$26,350)

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$149,362.00
Visitor Services	\$26,350.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,350.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,400.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$178,462.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$204,738.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$100,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The BLM Recreation Strategy Connecting with Communities is committed to making the benefits of recreation more accessible and supporting local social, economic, and environmental goals. The Coos Bay District is investing in repairing critical infrastructure at the Loon Lake Recreation Site after a snowstorm damaged facilities and forced the BLM to close the site until repairs could be made. BLM received feedback from city officials about the impact of the site's closure on their local communities, and the BLM has been sharing information with them as repairs are made. The BLM is committed to reopening the site as soon as possible, recognizing how important it is to the region's local economy and recreation access. The nearby communities of Drain, Scottsburg, Elkton, and Reedsport, Oregon benefit economically from visitors staying overnight or stopping for supplies in these communities. Fees charged at these sites are at or below market value, providing recreational opportunities for visitors across all income levels. Due to low fees, site operations and maintenance are supplemented with appropriated dollars.

