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Deschutes F.O. – Lower Crooked W&S River

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

New Picnic Tables



Peering down onto Lone Pine Campground

While driving the Lower Crooked River Backcountry Byway, you will observe several campgrounds and day-use sites along the Lower Crooked Wild & Scenic River. Many of the picnic tables located at these sites are weathered and ready for replacement. In 2021, the Deschutes Field Office purchased several new metal picnic tables to upgrade those most needing replacements.

New Recreation Staff in the making?



View of Chimney Rock Campground

The BLM’s Wildland Fire staff are not only great at fighting a fire, but they also make great park rangers! Funding was provided to allow two firefighters to work in recreation during the high-use season. They learned how to maintain campgrounds and day-use sites. This opportunity provided an excellent experience for cross-program collaboration and support.

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:

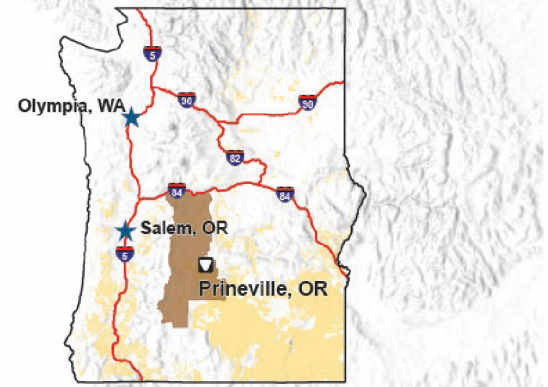
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited 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

- Removed trash and debris left at numerous developed recreation sites. Funds were used for staff labor to keep areas clean and dump fees at the Crook County Landfill.
- Ensured trash services were provided at campgrounds/day-use sites.
- Continued an ongoing successful partnership with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to manage the Big Bend Campground.
- Made hundreds of public contacts that provided visitors with key information on local recreation opportunities.
- Supported ten local flyfishing businesses by administering our Special Recreation Permit (SRP) program.
- Replaced and updated signage as needed.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$56,820.74
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$9,942.32
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	66,763.03

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$12,009.60
Visitor Services	\$11,011.76
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$4,035.88
Collections/Overhead	\$11,740.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$38,797.24



Planned Activities



Palisades Campground

- Installing new metal picnic tables at campgrounds and day-use sites along the Lower Crooked Wild & Scenic River.
- Continued support in managing a robust SRP program.
- Park Rangers will be hired to perform year-round maintenance duties, monitor recreation sites, educate visitors on how to be good stewards of their public lands, promote visitor health and safety, perform compliance checks on SRP holders, and clean and clear weeds at trailheads, bathrooms, and campsites.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$45,000.00
Visitor Services	\$8,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$2,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$4,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$60,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$100,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$60,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Deschutes Field Office is fortunate to have several local partner organizations that continue to be passionate in their stewardship and support of the BLM’s management of public lands. Volunteer groups support various beneficial projects, including trash cleanups, being site hosts, helping with National Public Lands Day events, and other great public service activities. Some volunteers are former BLM employees, and their experience and knowledge are invaluable to helping solve important issues within the field office, as well as leading projects and activities. Despite the pandemic, the field office supported several successful volunteer projects that will result in more great volunteer-supported achievements in 2022.

