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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

R&VS Labor



Escalante Visitor Center

During FY21, GSENM focused recreation fee revenue on labor for interpretation and educational outreach, processing special recreation permits, and conducting annual building maintenance. GSENM relied heavily on recreation fee revenue to pay for labor and operations at high-use recreation sites.

Calf Creek Road Repair



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In FY21, the Escalante, Utah region experienced two flood events causing multiple facility issues at the Calf Creek Recreation site. One weather event undercut the access road creating the potential for road failure and a public health and safety issue. Recreation fee revenue and cooperation with a neighboring BLM district supported road stabilization and preserved recreational access.

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:

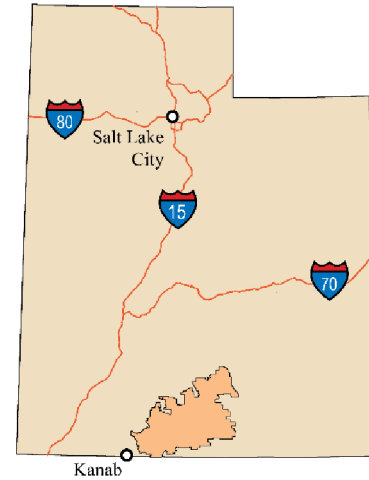
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation including direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee



Other Accomplishments

- During FY21, GSENM spent \$101,909.84 on operations and \$17,601.77 on fleet charges from SRP and Campground fees.
- GSENM contributed funds to toilet pumping contracts and initiated a toilet cleaning contract for \$55,000.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$98,661.46
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$173,796.89
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$8,160.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$280,618.35

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$101,909.84
Visitor Services	\$217,759.74
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,606.94
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$321,276.52



Planned Activities



Calf Creek Recreation Area

- For FY22, GSENM will continue to pay labor, operations, and fleet charges with 1232 funds.
- GSENM has one large deferred maintenance project at Calf Creek Recreation Area to improve the campground, parking, restrooms, and other facilities slated for FY22. GSENM expects to use \$175,000 of 1232 funds towards this project.
- In FY22, GSENM will start a new RMP/EIS planning effort. Recreation has obligated \$15,000 to start an Outcomes Focused Management survey to support the EIS/RMP and step down planning efforts.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$277,000.00
Visitor Services	\$218,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$495,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$233,520.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$281,000.00

Connecting with Communities

Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument supports local communities and all public land users by supporting local, national, and international visitors. During FY21, three GSENM visitor centers served the public in three regions of southern Utah and continues to work as an interagency partner with NPS and USFS to support recreation demands in the region. Covid-19 limited public outreach in 2021; however, GSENM continues to develop new partnerships with Grand Staircase Escalante Partners and Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance to meet the mission of the Monument and National Landscape Conservation System. GSENM supports the development of a Trail Ambassadors program to aid in public health and safety and responsible recreation in high visitation areas. In addition, GSENM works with volunteer groups to remediate recreational impacts in high-use areas. BLM is working with Utah’s Office of Tourism to support the Forever Mighty campaign to educate visitors on Responsible Recreation to reduce resource impacts and balance the interests of all public land users.

