Moab Field Office (Campgrounds)

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

New North Klondike Campground



North Klondike Reservable Group Site B

The new North Klondike Campground includes 25 individual campsites and two reservable group sites. This facility was constructed in partnership with Grand County, which received \$150,000 from the Utah Governor's Office of Recreation Grant for construction. The campground is nestled into the Klondike Bluffs Mountain Bike Focus Area, which is home to 53 miles of singletrack mountain bike trails and hiking trails and unique paleontological resources such as the Copper Ridge Sauropod Trackway.

Big Bend Group Site C Remodel



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Maintenance Crew demolished an old wooden shade shelter from the 1990s as part of a Big Bend Group Site remodel project. The crew fabricated a 20' by 20' steel shelter and installed new picnic tables, a fire ring, and a stand-up grill. They stabilized the wash bank to improve safety, corrected drainage issues, and cleaned out two completely plugged and dysfunctional culverts. Improvements also included additional parking for the large site and a layer of fresh gravel. Visitors have expressed appreciation for the improvements.

Recreation Fee Dollars

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 program

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.



Other Accomplishments

- Completed expansion of the Copper Ridge & Hidden Valley trailheads & installed toilets.
- Upgraded Hatch Point Campground with new site posts, picnic tables, fire rings & gravel.
- Improved the Big Bend Bouldering parking with gravel.
- Installed new-look signs along SR-279, Windwhistle, and Hatch Campgrounds.
- Toilet pumping and rental as well as dumping of dumpsters.
- Administer and manage two cooperative management agreements/leases for the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (Ledges and Fruit Bowl).
- Managed Assistance Agreements
- Coordinated with resource specialists & law enforcement.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$1,207,920.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$280.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$1,208,200.00

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,044,996.84
Visitor Services	\$90,228.36
Law Enforcement	\$172,971.84
Habitat Restoration	\$31,399.63
Collections/Overhead	\$486,348.05
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$1,825,944.72



Planned Activities



Planned Colorado River Overlook Day Use Site

- Improve accessibility at the Horsethief Campground group sites (e.g., tent platforms & concrete paths)
- Pilot remote electronic payment options at Horsethief Campground
- Implement scan/pay at North Klondike Campground
- Transition Big Bend Campground overflow area into official campsites & install a new toilet
- Pour concrete pads on 20 new toilets
- Complete analyses to consider limiting camping to designated dispersed within the associated polygons
- Improve the Kokopelli's Trail campgrounds
- Install individual shade shelters at Westwater

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$370,000.00
Visitor Services	\$50,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$190,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$31,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$500,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$1,141,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$662,084.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$1,200,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The BLM lands surrounding Moab's community are also the backdrop to Arches and Canyonlands National Parks and Dead Horse Point State Park. There are 127 campsites available on the neighboring lands managed by the National and State Parks. There are 900 developed fee campsites managed by the Moab Field Office, providing opportunities for all recreationists. We partner with Grand and San Juan counties to provide campgrounds and associated amenities which assist in providing for the health and safety of visitors as well as protecting the world-class scenery and natural resources. Currently, dispersed camping is the number cause of resource damage within the field office boundaries. We administer more than 400 special recreation permits, which draw visitors to their public lands and benefit the local economy. We truly offer a wide variety of recreational activities from the backyard of the local residents to the backcountry. We manage focus areas and special recreation management areas in an effort to provide quality experiences for all types of activities, from hiking and photography to vehicle adventures and BASE jumping. We partner with user groups to leverage funds to provide for amenities where needed and minimize user conflicts.