



UTAH Moab Field Office (Land-Based SRPs)

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Mountain Bike Championship



Start area at the Moab Brands Trailhead

We hosted the Utah High School Mountain Bike Championship with 1,363 participants and 3,500 support folks, coaches, families, and volunteers at the Moab Brands trailhead. This hugely successful event requires a large staging area for the teams and their box trailers. Spectator parking occurs on adjacent private lands. It is exhilarating to see the teens compete and listen to the heartwarming stories shared by their families.

Adventure Elopements & Weddings



Ida Gulch Equestrian Trailhead and photo spot

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the desire to have weddings and adventure elopements in stunning locations such as Moab. We went from only a handful to 36 SRPs that authorize commercial guiding, logistical organizing, livery and photography for adventure elopements and weddings. We worked closely with SRP holders to identify appropriate locations. Our Recreation Division had a workday to install the post and cable fencing in the picture to prevent unwanted expansion of this large scenic parking area popular for these activities.

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 program



Other Accomplishments

- Administered & monitored more than 400 SRPs
- Replaced chain on Corona Arch trail to improve visitor experience & safety
- Maintained & expanded trailheads
- Installed metal toilet at Fruit Bowl with a \$6,000 donation from Slackline US
- Partnered with National Park Service for canyoneering etiquette video
- Managed five assistance agreements
- 22 volunteer trail projects with Grand County partners, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Wilderness Volunteers, American Hiking Society, Jeep & other groups
- Installed new signs in the BLM visual design standard at trailheads & campgrounds
- Monitored Wilderness Study Areas
- Implemented the travel management plan

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$306,106.32
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$306,106.32

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$125,256.51
Visitor Services	\$202,924.14
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$121,979.61
Collections/Overhead	\$119,961.98
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$570,122.24



Planned Activities



Use-created illegal route

- Administer and manage 400+ land-based SRPs
- Provide funding for toilet pumping & dumpster rental/hauling
- Travel plan implementation and management
- Create & install informational signs at canyoneering trailheads
- Coordination with Grand County partners and CNHA
- Trail projects with SUWA & Tread Lightly!
- Trail workdays with motorized SRP holders
- Complete signage for Indian Creek/ Utah Rims TMA
- Day use area development

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$161,000.00
Visitor Services	\$205,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$40,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$176,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$121,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$703,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$119,764.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$306,000.00

Connecting with Communities

We strive to provide and maintain quality developed recreation facilities and associated amenities for local residents and visitors of all demographics. We manage five National Recreation Trails, hiking and mountain biking, that are free and open to all. Several SRP holders provide after-school trips to elementary through high school students that provide education and outdoor activities on the public lands surrounding the community. The Moab Field Office Recreation Division partners with Grand and San Juan Counties and local businesses to generate local revenue for the economy.

