



UTAH Price Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Swasey Boat Ramp Extension



New Boat Ramp Extension

At the beginning of FY2021, Swasey's boat ramp was extended to accommodate use during low water flows. Price Field Office staff removed the bottom 4 feet of the existing ramp that had fallen into disrepair. After cleanup, an additional 19 feet of the ramp was formed and poured into getting the ramp to the low water line. This project significantly improved the safety and experience of the thousands that float this section of the river each year. Recreation fee revenue made this project possible and covered approximately \$9,200 in staff labor and equipment costs and \$18,700 in materials expenses.

Buckhorn Draw Campground



New Restroom and Kiosk in Buckhorn Draw

During FY 2021, several significant improvements were made in Buckhorn Draw. Campsites were better delineated, route proliferation was reclaimed, two new vault toilets were installed, new fee tubes were installed, 40 new picnic tables were placed, 33 unique fire rings were installed, and parking areas and signage were improved. Recreation fee revenue made this project possible and covered approximately \$22,200 in staff labor and equipment costs and \$16,400 in materials expenses.

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

- Nine new shade structures were installed at Fossil Point, Swinging Bridge, and South Temple Wash.
- Seven new fee tubes were installed at Buckhorn Draw, Temple Mountain Townsite, South Temple Wash, and Grimes Wash.
- Five thousand feet of new fence was installed to prevent encroaching surface disturbance, and better delineate campsites at Buckhorn Draw, Temple Mountain Townsite, and South Temple Wash.
- With the new look and feel illustrations, seven new campground site identification signs were installed.
- Ten kiosks were replaced or repaired and re-stained. These kiosks contain camping information, camping regulations, and interpretive information.
- The Sand Wash boat launch was improved by removing much of the overgrown tamarisk along the bank of the river.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$45,949.65
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$147,481.72
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$292,783.46
Interagency Passes	\$2,180.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$488,394.83

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$160,003.34
Visitor Services	\$47,286.47
Law Enforcement	\$2,046.25
Habitat Restoration	\$183,068.01
Collections/Overhead	\$22,806.91
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$415,210.98



Planned Activities



A New Shade Structure

- Support ongoing trash collection, vault pumping contracts, cleaning supplies, toilet paper purchases, labor, and vehicles for site management.
- Purchase of gear and supplies to monitor and manage activity on the river.
- Upgrade and update interpretive material at Jurassic National Monument and paleontological interpretation at Fossil Point.
- Grant match for the construction of the Justensen Flat Trailhead and a rock barrier project in collaboration with the Back Country Horsemen.
- Implementation of Dingell Act priorities

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$165,000.00
Visitor Services	\$48,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$185,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$23,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$426,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$814,500.17
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$500,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Price recreation program relies heavily on collaboration with our partners for success. We work closely with various County departments, including County Road Departments, Public Lands Departments, and Tourism Departments. Aside from our County partners, other contributing groups include Back Country Horsemen, Emery Telcom (a local non-profit IT company), wilderness advocacy groups, and OHV clubs and associations.

One such example that supports several of the External Strategy Goals is the installation of toilet facilities and parking area improvements, planned by the BLM and implemented primarily by our local external partners. Last year the Price FO purchased new toilets for a campground and parking area. The Price Operations crew removed some of the old infrastructures. Emery Telcom brought heavy equipment onsite to prepare the site location for installation. The Emery Trails Committee helped delineate the parking area and conduct reclamation of surface disturbance around the parking area using a mini-excavator. The Emery County Road Department finished the groundwork by improving the access roads from the main road to the parking area and toilets.

These collaborative actions added value to the visitors' experience. Visitors now have an improved recreation facility that encourages them to connect with the outdoors. These improvements are a small part of a larger recreation infrastructure that supports tourism in the local economy.

