



# UTAH St George Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Improvements at Baker Dam



*Barrier railing installed at Baker Dam Campground*

To enhance the visitor experience at Baker Dam Campground, the St. George Field Office installed a wooden railing around each campsite and portions of the campground road. This railing will protect fragile plants and habitat, prevent unintended campsite expansion, and maintain the area as an enjoyable place for visitors. The barrier railing was installed to avoid off-route vehicular travel and parking in sensitive locations. Recreation fees collected under the FLREA were used to fund this project.

### E-Commerce at Campgrounds



*Campsite reservations are now available online*

Camping reservations are now available for Baker Dam and Red Cliffs Campgrounds. As part of the transition to online reservations, signs and informational kiosks at both campgrounds were updated, and revegetation work was completed. Adding these areas to the Recreation.gov website will increase public awareness of recreational opportunities, enable online fee payment via credit cards, and provide for better management during peak use. Recreation fees collected under the FLREA were used to fund this project.

### 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

The St. George Field Office maintained, developed, and dispersed recreation sites and provided visitor services. Staff provided services including maintenance of vault toilets, water spigots, trails, trailheads, signs, fences, litter removal, and other administrative duties at developed and undeveloped recreation sites, including camping and picnic areas, trails, OHV areas, and climbing sites. A janitorial contractor was hired to furnish labor, equipment, and materials to clean restroom facilities and remove trash at 18 public use sites. The average annual cost of this contract is \$75,624.

## Vicinity Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$81,742.59
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$357,062.74
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$438,805.33</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$162,950.95
Visitor Services	\$44,765.53
Law Enforcement	\$4,532.43
Habitat Restoration	\$57,864.39
Collections/Overhead	\$53,285.14
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$323,398.44</b>



## Planned Activities



Staff and volunteers clean up BLM-managed lands.

\$185,000 will be expended on support staff salaries. Staff time will include monitoring trails, campgrounds, day-use areas, and popular recreation sites such as climbing and OHV-use areas. Staff will process permits and monitor permitted events that are part of the Special Recreation Permit program. The support staff will clean up litter on BLM-managed lands and work with community partners in organizing trash cleanup events, trail maintenance projects, and similar events. Staff includes three outdoor recreation planners, four park rangers, and law enforcement personnel. \$75,000 will be spent to pay for the annual janitorial contract that services facilities at campgrounds and trailheads.

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$115,000.00
Visitor Services	\$40,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$50,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$20,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$230,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$115,406.89
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$450,000.00

## Connecting with Communities

In previous years, the SGFO has worked on various projects with county and city governments, interest groups, non-profit organizations, and individual citizens on projects ranging from trash cleanup and recreation site maintenance to the development of trails, trailheads, and parking and staging areas, and public outreach. These partnerships will continue in FY22 and beyond. Specific to FY22, the SGFO will partner with a private landowner and an event promoter in the Hurricane Cliffs Special Recreation Area to construct new trails that connect to existing trails across property boundary lines. This project will improve trail connectivity, reduce the likelihood of social trailing, add additional looped trail options to serve increasing visitation numbers, and provide a safer flow of trail traffic during organized trail events. In addition, the SGFO will partner with a non-profit organization to develop a staging area for motorized OHV users at the popular Sand Mountain Open OHV Area. This project will provide parking and staging space for vehicles, including trucks and trailers, and the loading/unloading of OHVs. A composting toilet will also be installed at the Sand Mountain Open OHV Area in a joint project with non-profit partners and local and state governments. This composting toilet will provide a restroom facility at an inaccessible location to pump trucks required to service traditional vault toilets. These projects will enhance visitor experiences at a variety of recreation sites. They will benefit the general public, local interest groups, and local economies through increased tourism associated with outdoor recreation. Funds collected under FLREA will assist with the development of these projects and their ongoing maintenance.

