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Buffalo Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Outlaw Cave Picnic Tables



Picnic table at Outlaw Cave Campground

The Outlaw Cave Campground, a first-come, first-served primitive campground, sits at the top of the Middle Fork Powder River Canyon, offering stunning views and a trail to the river. The tables at the Outlaw Cave Campground had been in need of repair and replacement for several years. In FY21, the Buffalo Field Office purchased and painted 25 boards for picnic tables and benches for picnic table repair (\$1060.37). This project will be completed when the recreation area opens in April.

Kiosks I-90 Travel Management Area



Putting the kiosk frame-up

Some of the largest parcels of BLM-administered surface within the Buffalo Field Office are within the Interstate 90 Travel Management Area. Due to the area's popularity during hunting season, the Buffalo Field Office installed three information kiosks purchased for \$5,288.29 within the Interstate 90 Travel Management Area. These kiosks are located south of the interstate at key points. Each kiosk includes information about Tread Lightly! and a map and office contact info.

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:

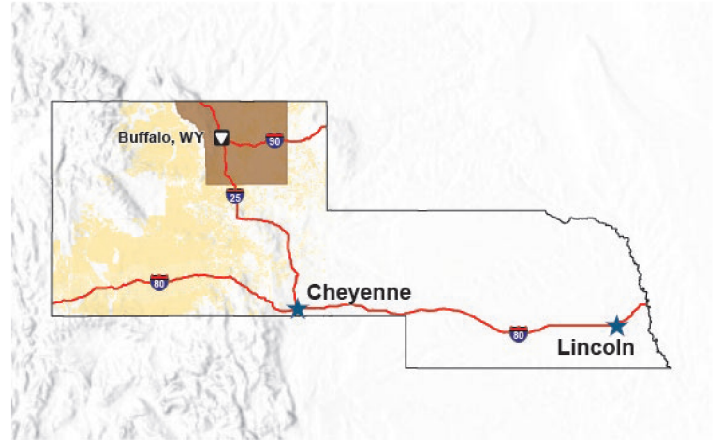
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited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



Other Accomplishments

- Road maintenance at Mosier Gulch and Petrified Tree \$13,986.05
- Bar C Road blading \$3,998
- Porta-potty at Welch Ranch \$1,234.47
- Recreation Site Maintenance Interagency Agreement with USFS \$5,015

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$28,269.68
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,420.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$29,689.68

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$26,910.17
Visitor Services	\$5,871.57
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$745.31
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$33,527.05



Planned Activities



Hiking trail with interpretive sign and benches

- Porta-potty at Welch Ranch SRMA (\$1235)
- The BLM BFO has worked extensively with the Sheridan Community Land Trust to design approximately 5 miles of hiking and biking trails and one parking area/trailhead on the Red Grade Parcel. The whole trail system falls on State, BLM, and USFS lands, and the BLM supports SCLT with funds for trail construction. (\$30,000)
- Accessibility improvements at Dry Creek Petrified Tree Special Recreation Management Area to improve the surface under the picnic shelter, the ramp to the vault toilets, and 0.4 miles of the hiking trail (\$30,000)

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$26,910.17
Visitor Services	\$52,787.50
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$745.31
Collections/Overhead	\$1029.02
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$81,472.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$4,500.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$27,000.00

Connecting with Communities

Over the past six years, the Buffalo Field Office has been working with the Sheridan Community Land Trust (SCLT) to improve hiking and mountain biking opportunities on the face of the Bighorn Mountains. SCLT designed a trail system that spans State, BLM, and USFS lands to improve hiking and biking opportunities close to the community of Sheridan, WY. These trails can serve as a gateway to the Bighorn Mountains for local residents and visitors traveling through the region. Before this project began, many hikers and bikers traveled on the county road, a steep and winding gravel road with blind corners and steep cliffs used by pickups, campers, and ATVs, creating an unsafe situation.

This project will afford additional public access and facilitate high-quality recreational opportunities while improving access to the Bighorn National Forest. The BLM supports the Sheridan Community Land Trust in its mission to preserve open spaces, healthy rivers and creeks, working ranches, wildlife habitat, and vibrant history while expanding recreation activities to connect people with the places they love. As the mountain biking community continues to grow in Sheridan and surrounding communities, this project will bring recreation benefits and economic benefits to these communities.

