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Cody Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

New accessible picnic tables



Newly installed accessible picnic table.

Five Springs Falls Campground provides an excellent opportunity for camping, hiking, picnicking, and sightseeing. This site provides breath taking views of northern Bighorn Basin with a panoramic view of the Bighorn, Pryor, and Absaroka Mountains. The elevation ranges from 6,520 feet at the campground to 7,240 feet at the forest boundary. In FY 2021, the Cody Field Office used recreation fees (\$9,740.41) to install new accessible picnic tables and fire rings throughout the campground.

Trail work on Sheep Mountain



AHS volunteers start their trek up Sheep Mountain

After a week of digging, lopping, scraping, and smoothing, the Sheep Mountain Trail west of Cody is safer for hikers and horseback riders. Eight trail stewards on an American Hiking Society (AHS) "Volunteer Vacation" worked with the Cody Field Office to make much-needed improvements to this challenging trail. The Cody Field Office used recreation fees (\$7,872.47) to provide initial supplies and tools. These items will be used again to host future AHS trail crew projects.

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:

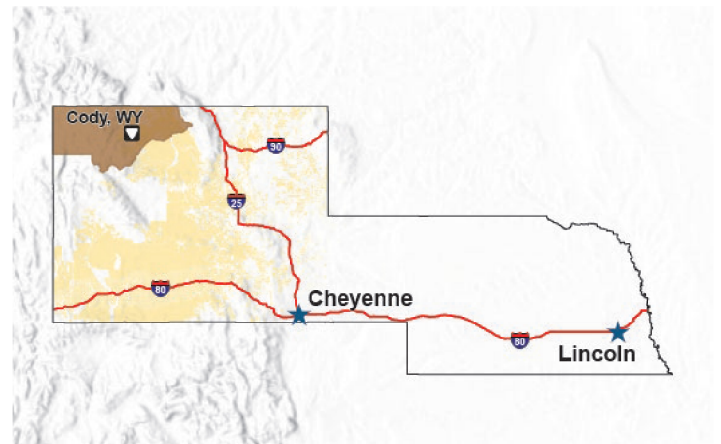
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited 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

- The Cody Field Office used recreation fees
- to make much-needed repairs to the accessible EZ Dock at Hogan and Luce Recreation Area (\$700.52)
 - to purchase signage and U-Channels to improve safety and mark routes on Little Mountain (\$4,096.38)
 - to pay for the required Special Recreation Permit audit that is completed every five years (\$4,800.00)
 - to improve maps and kiosks at multiple campgrounds and trailheads throughout CFO (\$1,950.00)
 - to replace a riding lawn mower that is used to maintain the recreation site (\$4,600.00)

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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$2,878.97
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$13,345.56
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$11,060.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$27,284.53

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$24,953.40
Visitor Services	\$4,800.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,200.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$30,953.40



Planned Activities



Shell Trailhead

Projects planned for FY22 include

- establishing a new trailhead in Shell Wyoming to increase public access and recreation, including a visitor register, kiosk, and gravel parking area (\$10,000.00)
- renting equipment to perform construction projects (\$800.00)
- establishing small service contract to help with data entry of visitor use and SRPs (\$2,000.00)
- purchasing materials and supplies to help remove graffiti from recreation areas and caves (\$500.00)

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$29,000.00
Visitor Services	\$1,200.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$4,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$34,700.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$25,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$28,000.00

Connecting with Communities

Over the last few years, the Cody Field Office has made great strides in making recreation more accessible for people with disabilities. A prime example is Hogan and Luce Recreation Area, where every campsite has been improved to make it more accessible. This includes new accessible picnic tables, fire rings, food storage containers, and a hard flat surface for individuals who utilize a wheelchair. An accessible canoe and kayak dock was also installed at Hogan Reservoir to help get people on the water and connecting with nature. The Cody Field Office is also a long-time partner with the Conservation Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) kids. This non-profit aims to connect disadvantaged, at-risk, and special needs youths to the outdoors. The field office is also part of two Outdoor Recreation Collaboratives that meet monthly with local recreation interest groups and community members to promote, enhance, and develop sustainable outdoor recreation that encourages responsible use, personal wellbeing, and economic benefit to the local area.

