



ALASKA Anchorage

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Campbell Tract RAMP

SRP Monitoring



Photo Scott Johnston (BLM)

New Recreation Area Management Plan Completion

The Campbell Tract (CT) was designated a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in 1985. Anchorage Field Office (AFO) completed a Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for the CT in 2022. The plan affects 730 acres of public land that provides visitors with extensive recreational opportunities in the heart of urban Anchorage, Alaska. Annually, the CT sees nearly 500,000 visitors and the new RAMP will help guide recreation management into the future.

Amount Expended: \$30,000.00



North Fork of Squirrel River SRMA

AFO manages 24 million acres of public lands that are difficult to access without aviation resources. Many Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) are administered across this vast landscape in remote locations. SRP fees associated with commercial activities help to fund important monitoring missions. These aviation-based field trips are combined with other resource program and funding sources to accomplish BLM's multi-use goals.

Amount Expended: \$50,000.00

Recreation Fee Dollars

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

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.



Other Accomplishments

Iditarod National Historic Trail (INHT) current cabin maintenance and inventory assessments for future maintenance projects.

Inventoried trail damage from recent record rain events in Anchorage. AFO is currently planning for fiscal year (FY) 2023 trail work at BLM CT.

Monitored helicopter ski SRP's with compliance flights with BLM ranger pilot. Data analysis of landing locations will help for future planning efforts. The Neacola Area of Critical Environmental Concern was designated for its scenic values.

Vicinity Map



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[Published FLREA Triennial Report](https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/)

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[Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans](https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrea-revenue)

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[Connecting with Communities BLM Recreation Strategy](https://www.blm.gov/national-office/public-room/strategic-plan/connecting-communities-blm-recreation-strategy-summary)

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Revenue & Expenditures

End of Year Carryover:	\$219,000.00
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$72,463.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$72,463.00

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$18,000.00
Visitor Services	\$57,314.00
Law Enforcement	\$2,702.00
Habitat Restoration	\$11,525.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$89,541.00



Planned Activities



Watercolor painting of Iditarod NHT cabin

- Purchase trail equipment and supplies for CT trail construction and maintenance. New trail design and construction is planned for the summer of 2023. - \$70,0000
- Fees are also planned to expand recreational trails on the CT SRMA, improve signage, and update visitor guide materials. -\$10,000
- SRP fees are used to help fund aviation costs associated with monitoring SRPs in remote Alaska. - \$10,000
- Fees will be used to maintain shelter cabins along the INHT. Winters have been harsh on some cabins, and foundation repair work is needed and planned for the FY2023. The BLM is partnering with a National Park Service Historic Restoration Crew to conduct work on the historic cabins. - \$15,000

Planned Expenditures and Revenue

Repair & Maintenance	\$70,000.00
Visitor Services	\$20,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$10,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$15,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$115,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$201,922.00
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$70,000

Connecting with Communities

In FY2022, our field office completed a new recreation management plan for CT through collaboration and outreach with various partner and stakeholder groups. The new plan will help guide the recreational use of CT for many years to come. The recreation program has maintained a 30+ year working relationship to manage a seamless recreation visitor experience on the CT SRMA and the neighboring Municipality of Anchorage’s Far North Bicentennial Park. CT SRMA provides for recreational experiences for nearly 500,000 visitors annually in the heart of urban Anchorage, Alaska. The Recreational program and the CT SRMA-based Campbell Creek Science Center, routinely collaborate on the expenditure of recreation fees to provide for youth and adult educational programs and outdoor recreational activities, including National Public Lands Day (NPLD) and National Trails Day events.

NPLD volunteers resurfaced a half mile of trail with 500,000 pounds of material. These recreation fees-funded projects resulted in improved recreational opportunities and provide safer trail experiences. They also fostered stewardship and an increased appreciation of public lands for those volunteering as trail crew participants.

