

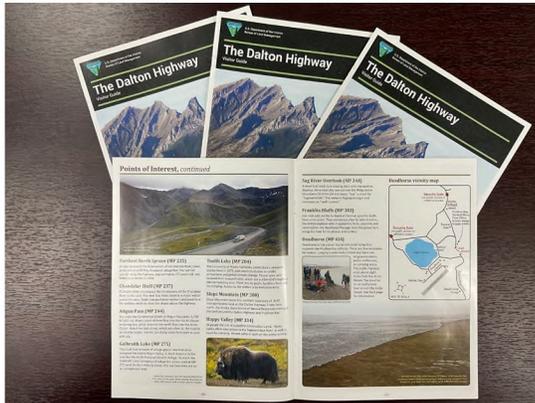


ALASKA Central Yukon

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Guiding Visitors Along



Revamped Dalton Highway Visitor Guide

For many years the Central Yukon Field Office (CYFO) has partnered with Alaska Geographic to produce a Dalton Highway Visitor Guide. The guide provides information on a wide variety of topics including driving etiquette, wildlife, emergency services, and tips for bicyclists headed to the Arctic Ocean. In 2022, the CYFO took over the responsibility of producing the visitor guide. It now sports a fresh, professional look conforming to the agency's design standards and printed on glossy paper.

Amount Expended: \$5,905.02

Who is Visiting the Dalton?



Visitors at the Yukon River Crossing

The CYFO administers lands along 250 miles of the Dalton Highway. In anticipation of upcoming planning efforts, the CYFO has contracted with the University of Alaska Fairbanks to conduct a visitor survey. The survey will take an outcomes-focused management approach to collecting visitor data and will be a replication of visitor surveys conducted in 2007 and 2013 along the Dalton Highway. Information gathered will be useful in identifying recreation trends and formulating future goals.

Amount Expended: \$15,500.00

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

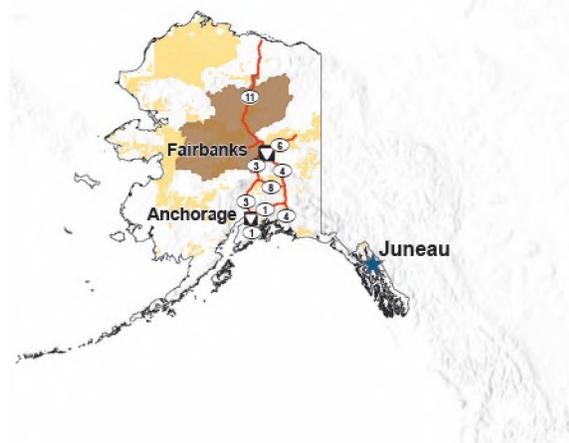
Per diem reimbursement for campground host and visitor contact volunteers - \$10,886.61

Labor costs by recreation staff to maintain fee sites and facilities used by special recreation permit (SRP) holders - \$16,490.98

Approximately 30 vault toilets and holding tanks at waysides and facilities along the Dalton Highway were serviced - \$33,700

Vehicle rentals to transport interpretive displays to the Arctic Interagency Visitor Center and dispose wayside trash - \$3,486.64

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:	\$80,241.97
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$6,541.28
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$65,549.65
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$72,090.93

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$40,169.80
Visitor Services	\$6,384.92
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$8,364.95
Collections/Overhead	\$551.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$55,470.67



Planned Activities



Staff to assist with rebuild of Marion Creek Trail

- Visitor surveys - \$15,500
- Vault toilet contract - \$33,700
- Labor costs for recreation staff to service fee sites - \$33,000
- Labor costs for recreation staff to assist with visitor contact services - \$20,000
- Per diem reimbursement for summer Dalton Highway volunteers (campground hosts and visitor center staff) - \$18,000

Planned Expenditures and Revenue

Repair & Maintenance	\$66,700.00
Visitor Services	\$38,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$15,500.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$120,200.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$96,862.23
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$70,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Dalton Highway Corridor is a remote stretch of highway stretching from Interior Alaska to the Arctic Ocean, approximately 415 miles long. The Central Yukon Field Office administers lands and recreation facilities along the highway corridor from mileposts 56 to 300. Visitor use is dispersed, and staffing levels are minimal which can lead to difficulties in understanding and responding to use patterns. In 2022, CYFO deployed battery operated vehicle and pedestrian counters at popular BLM-managed waysides and trails to gain a better understanding of use volumes and temporal distributions. Counters will provide more reliable and concrete visitor use numbers. Ultimately, these data will better inform future management decisions at a variety of recreation sites along the Dalton Highway.

