



ALASKA Eastern Interior

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Remote Hospitality



Campground Hosts: Fortymile Wild and Scenic River

These amazing volunteers contribute over 2,000 hours annually as campground hosts in support of the Fortymile Wild and Scenic River recreation program. The campgrounds are remotely located along the Taylor Highway – hours away from community services. Public feedback on the campgrounds shows that these volunteers are doing an impeccable job. The campgrounds are often described as some of the cleanest campgrounds on the Alaska road system.

Amount Expended: \$7,560.00

Expanding Capabilities



Recreation Staff grooming trails in the White Mountains NRA

Term and seasonal staff are essential to the public safety and overall experience in the White Mountains National Recreation Area (NRA). In the summer they maintain waysides, trails, cabins, and campgrounds. The winter recreation program grooms 250 miles of trails and maintains 12 remote public use cabins and two trail shelters.

Amount Expended: \$15,149.00

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:

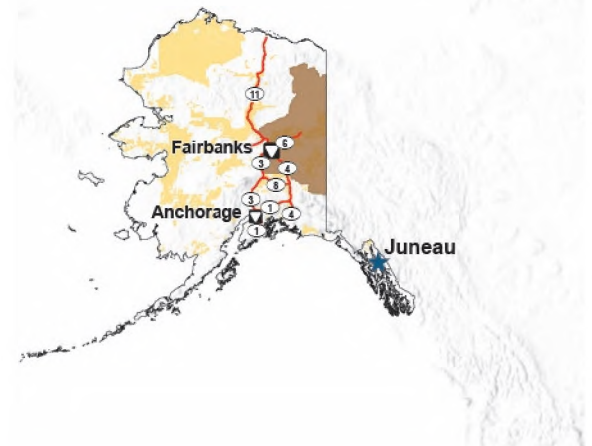
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited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

- Funded contract to service vault toilets
- UTV purchase to support trail work
- Funding for Student Conservation Association (SCA) agreement
- Trail Maintenance
- Facility Maintenance

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:	\$118,100.57
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$53,964.50
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$13,324.64
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$67,289.14

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$98,510.09
Visitor Services	\$1,767.98
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$100,278.07



Planned Activities



BLM Staff and SCA Crew installing new boardwalk

- Purchase snowmobile to replace aging fleet - \$25,000
- Boardwalk Materials for hiking trails - \$10,000
- Construct two new outhouses - \$10,000
- OHV Trail Maintenance - \$20,000
- Seasonal Labor - \$30,000

FY23 Planned Expenditures and Revenue

Repair & Maintenance	\$70,000.00
Visitor Services	\$25,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$95,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$95,070.28
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$80,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Bureau of Land Management Eastern Interior Field Office administers the one-million-acre White Mountains National Recreation Area and associated facilities including nearly 300 miles of multi-use trails. Visitor use is dispersed, and staffing levels are minimal which can lead to difficulties in understanding and responding to use patterns. In 2022, the Eastern Interior Field Office 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. The counters will provide more reliable visitor use numbers. Ultimately, this data will better inform future management decisions for the White Mountains National Recreation Area.

