

Special Recreation Permits Audit

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Independent statewide audit of SRP Program

The Arizona State Office (AZSO) used recreation fee revenue from the sale of Interagency Passes to complete an independent statewide audit of the Special Recreation Permit (SRP) Program. BLM facilitates audits to help provide a fair, equitable, and consistent business environment for permit holders and ensure the American public receives fair market value from the commercial use of its public land.

BLM Arizona Starts Using RAPTOR



BLM Recreation Planner Greg Page Using RAPTOR

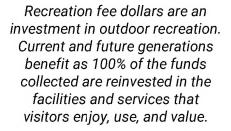
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (GCPNM) joined 25 other offices across the BLM now using the Recreation and Permit Tracking Online Reporting System (RAPTOR) for Special Recreation Permits. GCPNM's Recreation Planner, Greg Page, has been a key contributor to the RAPTOR business team resulting in customization of the system with Bureau-wide benefits. RAPTOR streamlines the permitting process by allowing the public to apply, agree to, pay for, and renew Special Recreation Permits online.

Amount Expended: \$24,150.00

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





Other Accomplishments

The AZSO hosted a Direct Hire Authority Resource Assistant Intern working for 11 weeks in support of the fee program.

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<u>Published FLREA Triennial Report</u> https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/

Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permitsand-fees/flrea-revenue

Connecting with Communities BLM Recreation Strategy

https://www.blm.gov/national-office/publicroom/strategic-plan/connecting-communities-blmrecreation-strategy-summary

Revenue & Expenditures

End of Year Carryover:	\$ 41,654.04	
FY22 Revenue		
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00	
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00	
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00	
Interagency Passes	\$25,120.00	
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$25,120.00	

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$24,167.92
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$246.87
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$24,414.79



Planned Activities



Gather to Collectively Improve AZ's Fee Program

In FY23, we plan to add more BLM Arizona offices into RAPTOR for Special Recreation Permits. We plan to deliver in-person training to recreation program staff on the BLM's Recreation Permits and Fee Program in Phoenix, Arizona. We also plan to fund employee travel for a statewide recreation permit and fee program workshop to share knowledge and improve the program. Estimated cost: \$12,000

Fund shipping costs associated with the Interagency Pass Program. Estimated cost: \$400

Approximately \$40,000 of carryover will be held to conduct future periodic independent statewide audits of the SRP Program, in compliance with BLM policy.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$12,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$400.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$12,400.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$42,359.25
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$25,000.00
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Connecting with Communities

The BLM Arizona State Office has been proactively engaging with the Arizona State Parks & Trails in preparation to implement shared goals and objectives found in the soon-to-be-released Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. This work advances shared opportunities to improve economic and social well-being outcomes for Arizona residents, while increasing stewardship awareness to ensure these benefits, experiences, and special places will be available to future generations. This is one of many projects supporting the goals identified in the BLM's National Recreation Strategy: Connecting with Communities.