



ARIZONA Lower Sonoran

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Goldfield Route Inventory



Goldfield Area Near Superstition Mountains

The Lower Sonoran Field Office (LSFO) will be starting the planning process to determine future recreation management of public lands in the Goldfield area, near Apache Junction. LSFO will be seeking public input to develop a plan to manage recreation use, avoid conflicts, ensure visitor safety, and protect resources. Special Recreation Permit fee revenue was used to complete the route inventory, which will inform the planning.

Amount Expended: \$8,595.68

Site Operations & Maintenance



Painted Rock Petroglyph Site & Campground Entrance

Grounds maintenance and restroom cleaning are regularly completed to keep Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground facilities in sanitary condition for visitors. Contractors provide cleaning services at this site. The LSFO provides supplies and camp host reimbursement costs to ensure the fee site is running smoothly for visitors.

Amount Expended: \$16,931.39

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

Purchased UTV equipment and completed maintenance to make field days safer and more productive

Creation of brochures for the Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground

Signs were purchased for the new campground and developed recreation area in the Sonoran Desert National Monument

Processed all new Special Recreation Permits and Letters of Agreement

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:	\$141,990.35
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$26,154.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$8,632.88
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$37,080.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$71,866.88

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$14,367.80
Visitor Services	\$14,766.08
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$8,739.38
Collections/Overhead	\$3,389.97
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$41,263.23



Planned Activities



Painted Rock Petroglyph Site

Accessibility improvements at Painted Rock Petroglyph Site. Estimated Cost: \$20,000.

Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground operations and maintenance. Estimated cost: \$20,000.

In addition, we plan to use fee revenue to assist with the implementation of the Buckeye Hills Travel Management Plan and to complete the recreation area management planning effort for the Goldfield area.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$57,000.00
Visitor Services	\$20,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$20,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$20,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$40,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$157,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$172,594.00
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$75,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The LSFO staff are continuing to work with the community of Apache Junction to address illegal dumping and camping overstays in the Goldfield area. These issues are affecting the neighboring residents as well as the visitors to public lands. With input from the community the BLM has initiated the route inventory and environmental assessment for the Goldfield Recreation Area Management Plan. This project supports the Connecting with Communities BLM Recreation Strategy, specifically Goal 1: Support Community Services Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Land Users.

LSFO staff annually reviews SRP renewals and processes new applications for compliance with the Resource Management Plan. This allows the BLM to coordinate and track commercial, competitive and organized group use while ensuring the American public receives fair market value from the commercial use of its public land. The permits also provide resource protection measures to safeguard the public's future enjoyment of those resources. Most of the authorized permittees operating on LSFO-managed lands are local and help bring tourism revenue to the community. These actions support Goal 2 in the strategy.

