



ARIZONA Vermilion Cliffs

National Monument

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Staffing Improvements

Paria Contact Station Staffing



Park ranger looking out from atop the cliffs

In FY 2022, Vermilion Cliffs National Monument added a new outdoor recreation planner and park ranger to its recreation staff. This staffing upgrade will help address the increasing demand for recreational use within the Monument. Duties of these new staff members include managing the permit and fee systems within the Paria Canyon - Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, maintaining trails and other infrastructure, and providing educational programs to the public.

Amount Expended: \$11,400.00



The Paria Contact Station is a great resource

The Glen Canyon Conservancy staff provides visitor services at the Paria Contact Station. Services include:

- Informing visitors about safety issues, local conditions, rules, and regulations
- Providing Leave No Trace (LNT) education
- Answering questions
- Providing Paria Canyon Overnight permit pick up

Although no fee revenue was used for this project, staffing the station to distribute permits is funded by permit application fees (cost recovery).

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

Completed vehicle and road maintenance to facilitate access to the permit areas. Estimated cost: \$15,961

Cleaned and maintained trailhead vault toilets. Estimated cost: \$22,050

Pumped trailhead vault toilets. Estimated cost: \$13,000

Provided human waste disposal bags for the Paria Canyon Overnight permit holders. Estimated cost: \$3,500

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)
<https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrea-revenue>

[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

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| End of Year Carryover: | \$877,100.00 |
| FY22 Revenue | |
| Recreation Use Permits (RUPs) | \$0.00 |
| Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) | \$0.00 |
| Individual Special Recreation Permits | \$127,141.79 |
| Interagency Passes | \$0.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22: | \$127,141.79 |

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| FY22 Expenditures | |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$58,556.92 |
| Visitor Services | \$51,348.36 |
| Law Enforcement | \$27,039.52 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$84,601.98 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$13,176.42 |
| Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22: | \$234,723.20 |



Planned Activities



White Pocket after a summer rainstorm.

Development of a new administration site for maintenance and upkeep of permit areas. Estimated cost: \$150,000

Funding for further staffing upgrades including one new park ranger added to the recreation staff and one new law enforcement ranger. Estimated Cost: \$25,000

FY23 Planned Expenditures

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| Repair & Maintenance | \$268,052.46 |
| Visitor Services | \$36,603.00 |
| Law Enforcement | \$20,487.00 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$1,350.00 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$38,141.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23: | \$364,633.46 |
| Carryover Funds To FY23: | \$769,518.59 |
| FY23 Projected Revenue: | \$130,500.00 |

Connecting with Communities

Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (VCNM) staff annually review special recreation permit renewals and process 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 VCNM-managed lands are local and help bring tourism revenue to the community. These actions support External Goal 2 in the Connecting with Communities Strategy: Facilitate Greater Well-Being and Economic Benefits within Communities.

