



CALIFORNIA Bakersfield

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Native Life Interpretive Program



Cradleboard making demonstration

In a new partnership with the Sierra Foothills Conservancy, the BLM was able to sponsor a highly respected tribal elder from the Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California to conduct multiple interpretive programs for local schools. These programs consisted of teaching over 600 students, teachers, and parents about the daily life of Native Americans that resided in the area surrounding the San Joaquin River Gorge.

Amount Expended: \$2,500.00

Visitor Center deck and cleaning



Discovery Trail deck behind the visitor center

The BLM completed construction of a large deck behind the San Joaquin River Gorge Visitor Center, which will be part the "Discovery Trail". The Discovery Trail is a self-guided interpretive trail for school aged children to teach them about the local animals that reside in the Gorge. Additionally, nearly 2-tons of trash and old construction materials were removed from Visitor Center and Learning center. This construction and cleaning enabled the Visitor Center to re-open in November 2022.

Amount Expended: \$2,335.00

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

Restroom cleaning services at the San Joaquin River Gorge

Replacement Signage Keysville SRMA

Parking Lot Re-Striping San Joaquin River Gorge

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:	\$448,529.36
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$49,314.79
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$5,826.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$13,420.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$68,560.79

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,334.96
Visitor Services	\$2,500.00
Law Enforcement	\$588.13
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$5,423.09



Planned Activities



Walker Pass Campground Facility Improvement

- Enhanced single-pay station SJRG- \$30,000
- Long Valley Campground facility improvements (Picnic tables, fire rings)-\$20,000
- Walker Pass Campground facility improvements (Picnic tables, fire rings)-\$20,000
- Piedras Blancas Light House parking lot expansion and improvement-\$150,000
- SJRG restroom cleaning contract- \$30,000Slippery Rock Boat Launch stabilization- \$20,000

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$270,000.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$270,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$511,667.06
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$40,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Bakersfield Field Office is committed to the Connecting with Communities strategy. In FY 2022 the Bakersfield Field Office started a new partnership with the Sierra Foothills Conservancy. This partnership provides a great interpretive opportunity for teaching about the surrounding cultures and allows the BLM is to proactively engage with the local community which not only encourages collaboration with the BLM, but also enhances interest to the area. This interest becomes additional visitation as well as increased volunteers supporting the San Joaquin River Gorge. The Native-Life Ways kit interpretive program remains relevant and effective in the local community and reaches over 600 people annually.

