



CALIFORNIA Motherlode

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

A Trail Built to Last



Kiosks for Maps and Trail Information

The Steven’s Trail is a historical toll road trail built in the late 1860’s for foot, horse, and pack mule trains to connect the Gold Rush towns of Colfax to Iowa Hill through the canyon of the North Fork of the American River. The Bureau of Land Management, with collaboration from the Placer County Historical Society, recently installed two kiosks for maps and trail information, an interpretive panel telling the history of the trail and a plaque commemorating the historical designation in 2002.

Amount Expended: \$4,718.00

River Bathroom Maintenance



Long Beach Composting Toilet

The South Fork of the American River is the most boated whitewater section of river in California with well over 100,000 people annually. Between Chili Bar Dam and Folsom Reservoir, the BLM maintains three riverside solar powered composting toilets which the public has been using for almost 30 years. Two bathrooms need new decks, and one needs a new roof. Planning is all done and as soon as there is mid-week water scheduled staff will begin rafting in to finish the work already started.

Amount Expended: \$20,000.00

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/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

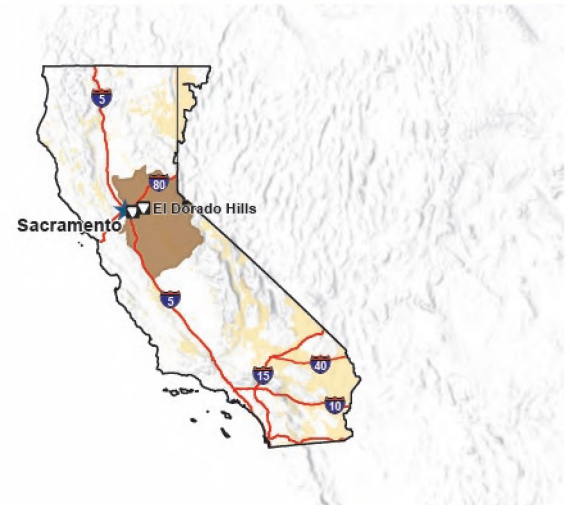
Chipped and removed fallen trees from a low elevation winter snowstorm at the South Yuba Campground

Installed fluctuating water level warning signs at access points to the South Fork of the American River

Installed two additional kiosks at trailheads along the South Yuba National Trail

Replaced a campground water spigot station at the South Yuba campground

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:	\$211,564.00
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$35,406.60
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$76,511.56
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$4,520.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$116,438.16

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$65,722.00
Visitor Services	\$804.00
Law Enforcement	\$15,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$731.00
Collections/Overhead	\$7,415.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$89,672.00



Planned Activities



Slide on South Yuba National Trail

- Replace over twenty trail signs along the South Fork American River Trail system
- Restore trail bed covered by landslide on South Yuba National Trail
- Replace BLM welcome entrance signs from National Sign Shop
- Add Spanish language signage to Merced River Recreation Area kiosks
- Add S. Yuba Campground and Merced Area Campgrounds to Recreation.gov for reservation services

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$36,250.00
Visitor Services	\$500.00
Law Enforcement	\$25,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$500.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$67,750.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$238,330.16
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$105,000.00

Connecting with Communities

In 2022 the BLM worked closely with the County of El Dorado to expand parking at the Cronan Ranch Trailhead on County owned property. Before the parking lot was expanded it would be common to see vehicles parked along the road which brought up a few safety concerns. Falling in line with the “Backyard to Backcountry” strategy and participating in effective partnerships, this collaboration improves the visitor experience by increasing the available parking so that recreationist have closer and safer parking. This trailhead is one of five parking areas that provide non-motorized access to the South Fork of the American River Trail in addition to trails in Cronan Ranch, Magnolia Ranch, the Pine Hill Preserve ACEC and the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. The collaborative efforts between the BLM and El Dorado County to coordinate improvements to their property could provide complimentary recreational opportunities that add to quality of life, social, and economic benefits for visitors, community residents, and businesses.

