



# CALIFORNIA Ridgecrest

Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

### Permitted Activities "R" Us



Ultra-Marathon run through the Rademacher Hills

Approximately 40 Special Recreation Permits for activities such as Equestrian Endurance Rides, Ultra Marathon running events, Four Wheel Drive and Dual Sport Motorcycle Tours, Vending, Mountain Bike, Motorcycle, Truck and Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) races occur within the Ridgecrest Field Office annually. Special Recreation Permits are the largest source of funds collected for the Recreation Fee Revenue program within the Field Office.

**Amount Expended: \$27,594.23**

### Recreational Facilities Upkeep



Visitor Information Kiosk

Funds were used to enhance and maintain the public lands visitors recreational experience. These efforts included cleaning and maintaining 14 different vault toilet facilities throughout the field office. These facilities can be found at the Fossil Falls Campground, Trona Pinnacles National Natural Landmark, and the Spangler Hills, Jawbone Canyon, and Dove Springs Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Areas. Funding was also used to maintain and stock 100 Information Kiosk we have within our area.

**Amount Expended: \$9,298.64**

## 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

Campground Maintenance including litter removal, fire ring and campsite cleaning

Hiking trail tread maintenance.

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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:	\$69,467.12
<b>FY22 Revenue</b>	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$2,976.21
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$41,734.51
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,600.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:</b>	<b>\$46,310.72</b>

<b>FY22 Expenditures</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$8,702.50
Visitor Services	\$26,804.82
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$596.14
Collections/Overhead	\$744.41
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:</b>	<b>\$36,847.87</b>



Planned Activities



*Fossil Falls Campground Accessible Vault Toilet*

\$17,000 towards the ongoing cleaning, supplies, pumping, and maintenance of 14 different vault toilet facilities throughout the field office.

Approximately \$30,000 worth of Recreation Fee Revenue dollars towards labor cost directly related to the processing, administration, and monitoring of the Field Office’s Special Recreation Permit program.

Perform campsite maintenance such as fire ring cleaning, site brushing, and boundary definition at the Fossil Falls Campground. Estimated cost is about \$3,000.

Long range projects include installing additional toilets in the Spangler Hills OHV Area and replacing signs at the Fossil Falls Campground. Estimated cost is about \$75,000.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$20,000.00
Visitor Services	\$30,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:</b>	<b>\$52,000.00</b>
<b>Carryover Funds To FY23:</b>	<b>\$78,929.97</b>
<b>FY23 Projected Revenue:</b>	<b>\$48,000.00</b>

Connecting with Communities

The Ridgecrest Field Office connects with the local communities, recreationalist, and interested members of the public through monthly attendance at the Friends of Jawbone and Public Lands Roundtable meetings. Each of these meetings attract a diverse group of participants from the local communities. During these meeting we have an opportunity to exchange information about what the public desires on the public lands. Along with updating the public on what projects staff are currently working through to manage the public lands. Additionally we work with a small cadre of volunteers that work on maintaining some of the recreational hiking trails found within the urban interface area around the community of Ridgecrest.

