



COLORADO Canyons Of the Ancients

State Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Working Visitor Services at VC

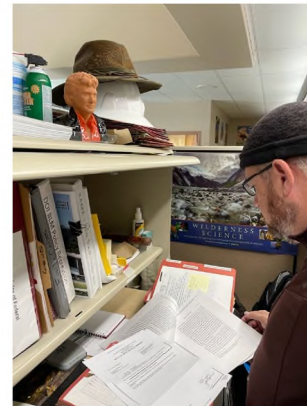


Career Seasonal working the CANM front desk

Our Career Seasonal employee, Jon Whitehead, and summer visitor services and recreation seasonals assist Visitor Services at Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum by greeting visitors and running the recreation.gov program. Staff sell America the Beautiful Passes and entrance passes, orienting them to the monument, trails, and pueblos while helping to interpret the natural and cultural history of the area. The 1232 fee dollars primarily pay Jon's salary as a career seasonal for both

Amount Expended: \$15,374.98

Fee Dollars Assist with SRPs



Jon Whitehead working on SRP applications

Four years ago TRFO and Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (CANM) together achieved a balance in the local fee program account to hire a Career Seasonal employee to assist with Special Recreation Permit administration and recreational duties at CANM. Neither SRP program has 'high volume permits' which return substantial fees, though we service over 50 recreation permits of all types. TRFO and CANM are now better able to serve our Outfitter and Guide permit holders and applicants.

Amount Expended: \$10,353.53

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

Career Seasonal assists general recreation with monitoring WSA's, updating/installing signs, cleaning toilets, and patrols.

Vicinity Map



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[Published FLREA Triennial Report](https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/)
<https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/>

[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

End of Year Carryover:	\$144,751.61
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$8,133.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$311.92
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$22,860.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$31,304.92

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$15,711.65
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$446.21
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$16,157.86



Planned Activities



Park Ranger, Nick Hunt assists visitors at VC

CANM on average brings in about \$32,000 in revenue each year. Our future plans for 1232 funds will go towards:

Permanent GS-0025-05 Park Ranger salary: \$20,000

Portion of seasonal GS-0025-07 Visitor Services/Education Park Ranger: \$20,000

Visitor Services Supplies: \$5,000

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$40,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$45,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$159,898.67
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$32,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The use of fees generated by the Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum entrance fee and America the Beautiful Pass sales in addition to Special Recreation Permit revenues on permanent and seasonal positions to support Visitor Services and SRP programs aligns with External Strategy, Goal 1: Support Community Service Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Lands Users. By and large, the SRP holders in the Tres Rios Field Office are local, family-owned businesses, often husband and wife teams with a half dozen employees at best, without the resources and staff of larger corporations. Having a dedicated employee who can help them through the process from application stage to post use monitoring is a great support to both the local service provider as well as the community as a whole. Using fee dollars generated by the entrance cost to staff the visitor center and help orient visitors to their public lands is a great use of putting the dollars back into the program they support.

