



COLORADO Colorado River Valley

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Recreation Intern



New sign installation at recreation site.

The BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office hired an intern for the summer and fall of 2022 using 1232 funds. A total of \$12,861.95 of 1232 dollars funded the intern for 12 weeks of work. The intern worked independently and with permanent BLM recreation staff to complete various projects to enhance our recreation sites including cleaning restrooms, installing signs, collecting visitor use data and providing visitor use information through greeting the public while monitoring recreation sites.

Amount Expended: \$12,861.95

Visitor Use Surveys



Special event river users at BLM river site.

The BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office worked with the University of Alaska Fairbanks and Colorado Mesa University to conduct visitor use surveys along the Upper Colorado River Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). Information from the surveys is key in understanding if recreation management objectives are being met. Survey participants providing information on activities, destinations, experiences and benefits, satisfaction, encounters and user fee acceptability.

Amount Expended: \$12,690.94

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

The CRVFO made purchases to enhance our maintenance capabilities including a tool box, hitch carrier and trash cans.

Additional purchases included PPE (nitrile gloves, face shield, tyvek suits), toilet paper, toilet pumping services.

Other miscellaneous purchases included duct tape, hardware, broom, buckets, concrete, drill bits, trash bags.

The CRVFO administered 11 event SRPs in 2022. These events hosted over 1,400 participants in 2022.

Partner projects supported by 1232 included clean up events, fence installation and seeding along trail corridors.

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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:	\$193,844.95
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$17,279.55
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$145,451.23
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$2,800.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$165,530.78

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$63,103.76
Visitor Services	\$19,435.61
Law Enforcement	\$20,377.83
Habitat Restoration	\$10,511.78
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$113,428.98



Planned Activities



Recreation staff at community outreach event.

The CRVFO recreation program plans to hire two seasonal Park Rangers for the 2023 field season. We are currently planning to use \$20,000 from our L1232 funds for these positions. Our seasonal Park Rangers provide critical upkeep to our recreation sites, which are utilized by both the public and our permitted outfitters and guides. They are our eyes and ears in the field and conduct SRP monitoring by recording outfitter and guide use at our recreation sites. Other critical tasks include trail maintenance, dumpsite cleanups, special event monitoring and helping our partner groups with community events including Earth Day and NPLD events, school outreach events and much more.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$40,000.00
Visitor Services	\$23,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$30,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$2,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$10,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$105,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$245,946.75
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$165,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) exemplifies the BLM Recreation Strategy of Connecting with Communities. CRVFO recreation staff participate as key subject matter experts on several coalition groups in our field office. One group is the Eagle Valley Outdoor Stewardship Coalition (EVOSC). Projects completed in 2022 with EVOSC members included a tamarisk removal project lead by the BLM and Eagle River Watershed Council and a National Public Lands Day river clean up event. The BLM also participated in the annual EVOSC Strategic Planning Workshop where all members meet to discuss goals and objectives for the next year. CRVFO recreation staff participated in the first annual Latino Conservation Week event Celebremos al aire libre, Glenwood Springs, where federal land management agencies and public land partners came together to celebrate public lands and provide information to the latino community on public land resources. Other partner groups that the CRVFO recreation staff completed projects with in 2022 included the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and Wilderness Workshop to name a few.

