

# SRMA Management



Upper CO SRMA River Patrol

The Upper Colorado River Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) Staff conducted management operations including fee compliance, SRP Monitoring, facility maintenance and repair, public contacts and information at the Recreation Sites, designated river campsites and popular stopovers. Funding collected from fees paid for staff labor, recreation site Host reimbursements, supplies, and contracts including Garbage Service and Vault Pumping enhancing recreation opportunities and experiences.

Amount Expended: \$228,369.14

# **SRP Monitoring**



Recreation Staff and law enforcement monitored Spe

Recreation staff and law enforcement monitored Special Recreation Permits (SRP) and made visitor contacts and outreach for OHV permittees, big game hunting and lion hunting outfitters within the management area. The trail crew also installed 20 new signs in the Headwaters ERMA. SRP fees collected are utilized for managing the permits, including necessary on-site monitoring and permit enforcement that support local economies, promote the protection of resources, and enhances recreation.

Amount Expended: \$1,632.25

# **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.

#### **Accomplishment Highlights 2022**

#### Kremmling

### **Other Accomplishments**

• Development of Last Chance Rapid River Access and Gore Canyon Ranch Parking Areas and Trailheads accessing river.

• Inspiration Flats Road access and sign improvements in preparation for Parking and Trailhead access to Colorado River.

• Installed new improved signage for Confluence, Pumphouse, Radium, Warm Springs and State Bridge Recreation Sites.

• 1 mile of rerouted single track trail on the Wolford Mountain Trail.

• New kiosk and 200 feet of post and cable at the Jacques Trailhead.

## Vicinity Map



### Contacts

## Kremmling Field Office

#### **Recreation Fee Program Contact**

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> Published FLREA Triennial Report https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/

Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permitsand-fees/flrea-revenue

<u>Connecting with Communities BLM Recreation Strategy</u> https://www.blm.gov/national-office/publicroom/strategic-plan/connecting-communities-blmrecreation-strategy-summary

#### **Revenue & Expenditures**

End of Year Carryover:	<b>\$</b> 363,911.79	
FY22 Revenue		
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$102,617.59	
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$215,268.38	
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00	
Interagency Passes	\$3,960.00	
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$321,845.97	

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$12,223.48
Visitor Services	\$86,929.49
Law Enforcement	\$23,364.20
Habitat Restoration	\$104,666.15
Collections/Overhead	\$3,118.07
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$230,301.39



## **Planned Activities**



Kiosk and Trailhead Planned Activity Example Planned activities for the Upper Colorado River SRMA include installing 4 Informational Kiosks at key access points, Warm SpringsTrail improvements, completion of the Yarmony Trail, interpretive panel installation for the Argentine Trail and Gore Canyon Ranch Trail, and installation of gates and post and cable for seasonal closures of campgrounds.

Additional planned activities include monitoring authorized SRP's throughout the management area, direct and work with Youth Corp Crews and Interns for trail improvements and maintenance needed due to fire impacts. Three additional Informational Kiosks are planned for other high use areas and expanding the Wolford Open OHV Area Parking Area.

### FY23 Planned Expenditures

Carryover Funds To FY23: FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$455,456.37 \$215,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$351,500.00
Collections/Overhead	\$17,500.00
Habitat Restoration	\$60,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$21,000.00
Visitor Services	\$190,000.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$63,000.00

### **Connecting with Communities**

The Kremmling Field Office Fee Program consists of Recreational Use Permit fees and Special Recreation Permit Fees. Both portions of the fee program strive to be within the requirements of FLREA while meeting BLM Recreation and Visitor Services Program guidance and priorities, including Connecting with Communities and Colorado's Backyard to Backcountry priorities. As a primary river-related recreation attraction in north-central Colorado, local and state residents utilize the Upper CO River SRMA river annually for private float boating, fishing, and camping trips. The field office also manages recreation opportunities within the Wolford and Strawberry SRMA's and Headwaters ERMA that are close to population centers and the North Sand Hills SRMA destination area accommodate a wide variety of structured and dispersed uses from world-class big game hunting, biking, hiking, equestrian, and OHV opportunities. Visitors utilize permitted commercial outfitters that provide the equipment and services for those looking to enjoy the area's resources and recreational opportunities. Recreational opportunities being managed for are a significant contributor to both local and state economies.

