



Planning for the Future



Little Snake Staff with Planning Partners

Colorado boasts one of the largest elk herds globally, and the city of Craig, CO, is the “Elk Hunting Capital of the World.” The Field Office permits and works with 60 big game outfitters to provide commercially guided hunts. The workload at LSFO involves meeting with permittees and processing paperwork. Approximately \$45,000 was collected in FY 2022. In addition to process permits and monitoring outfitters, the office worked with partners to plan for a sustainable future of big game hunting.

Amount Expended: \$45,000.00

Emerald Epic



Epic Ride from the Emerald Epic

The Emerald Epic is a series of races on BLM-managed lands, with a seasonal trail closure for big game winter habitat. The LSFO staff works with the local mountain biking club to clean up the trails once the seasonal closure is lifted. Approximately \$3,000 was collected from the event in FY 2022 and spent on trail clean-up and on-site monitoring.

Amount Expended: \$3,000.00

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 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

- Seasonal staff hired to assist with big game hunting monitoring and resource protection
- Worked with partners to complete conceptual designs for Sarvis Cabin, future fee site

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:	\$71,467.21
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$60,753.31
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,600.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$62,353.31

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$6,864.04
Visitor Services	\$10,708.27
Law Enforcement	\$827.91
Habitat Restoration	\$37,218.09
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$55,618.31



Planned Activities



Big Game Hunting Client with Outfitter

- Two-year capacity study to focus on the capacity of commercial outfitter guides for hunting and fishing on LSFO lands. \$60000. Expect BLM Colorado State Office to match 1232 funds for this project.
- Assistance Agreement with local user groups, motorized and non-motorized, for trail maintenance and stewardship. \$10,000.
- Internally re-prioritize funding allocation systems to maximize positive returns for our public contributors

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$2,500.00
Visitor Services	\$45,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$500.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$49,500.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$78,202.21
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$65,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Little Snake Field Office (LSFO) has made it a priority in recent years to build relationships with local stakeholders, user groups, and cooperating agencies in the region. As part of this process of Connecting with Communities, the LSFO is involved in multiple Colorado Regional Partnerships and is working with the communities in Moffat County to provide improved infrastructure and access to public lands.

