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San Luis Valley

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

SLVFO Seasonal Park Ranger



SLVFO Recreation Fee Site Maintenance

Collections from fee sites, such as SLVFO’s two developed overnight campgrounds (Zapata Falls and Penitente Canyon), serve as the primary source of funding for the Field Office’s seasonal Park Ranger. The Park Ranger is almost solely responsible for operations and maintenance at SLVFO developed recreation sites and serves a critical need for continuous upkeep of BLM’s facilities, as well as vital coordination and support to seasonal campground hosts (who are also funded by fee area collections)

Amount Expended: \$29,940.00

Zapata Falls CG Host Site Water



Camp Host Site Potable Water

Zapata Falls campground is an enormously popular site located adjacent to Great Sand Dunes National Park. Because of the added pressure from the Park, it is critical to BLM and visitor success there to have a host on duty. Previously, a limiting factor to attracting potential hosts there was a lack of water. BLM developed a cistern-type water system to provide the host with potable water throughout the season. That water, and the host themselves, are paid for out of the CG’s fee collections.

Amount Expended: \$1,616.00

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

- Developed Recreation Site Supplies \$15,000
- Campground Host reimbursements \$5,000
- Trash Collection Contract \$7,000
- Toilet Pumping Contract \$7,000

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)
<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:	\$30,192.80
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$97,928.71
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$8,316.47
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$400.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$106,645.18

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$53,339.12
Visitor Services	\$10,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$63,339.12



Planned Activities



Landscape Architect-Graphic Arts Contract

Carryover from FY22 was a little over \$30,000. That funding, combined with funding from collections throughout FY23, will contribute significantly to this year's Career Seasonal recreation maintenance position. Some of the carryover funding from FY22 will be used for Developed Recreation supplies associated with campground fee sites. Also this year, \$10,000 from carryover funding is going into a new contract for Graphic Arts and Landscape Architecture services that will develop interpretive and education materials, as well as improved site designs for visitors that benefit fee sites, areas associated with SRP's and Passes, as well as other high-use visitor areas of the SLVFO.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$55,000.00
Visitor Services	\$10,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$65,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$73,498.86
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$105,000.00

Connecting with Communities

A significant focus of SLVFO's implementation strategy for BLM's "Connecting with Communities" recreation strategy, as well as BLM Colorado's step-down recreation strategy "Backyard to Backcountry," is its partnership and participation with the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Coalition (SLV GO!). SLVGO! is a collective impact organization representing all 18 communities, six counties, all levels of government, academia, industry, non-Governmental Organizations, and interested citizens regarding recreation and conservation in the San Luis Valley. A primary goal of SLV GO! is to bring greater access, connectivity, and inclusivity to citizens and visitors of the San Luis Valley, especially to their public lands.

