



COLORADO Tres Rios

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Aqueduct Trail System



Mancos Trails Volunteers at Aqueduct Trail System

Tres Rios Field Office partnered with the Mancos Trails Group to continue work on the Aqueduct Trail System. Thanks to the combined efforts of the BLM and MTG over eleven miles of multi-use trails were constructed and wayfinding map kiosks were purchased for trail intersections. The Aqueduct Trail system offers beginner and intermediate trails for mountain bikes and class 1 e-bikes. The trail system is also open to hikers/trail runners, dog walkers, and equestrian use and offers fantastic views.

Amount Expended: \$9,964.30

SRP management



SRP Management - Crow Canyon Cultural Etiquette

The Special Recreation Permit (SRP) program at TRFO does not administer permits with substantial fees although there are over 50 permits to be managed. Funds generated from the 1232 TRFO SRP Program and Bradfield Bridge Recreation fee site help to pay half the salary of a GS-07 Park Ranger to administer the program. These permits not only help manage recreation and protect resources, but many SRP programs are education based or provide guidance for the clients to promote responsible recreation in cultural sites.

Amount Expended: \$9,981.99

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/)
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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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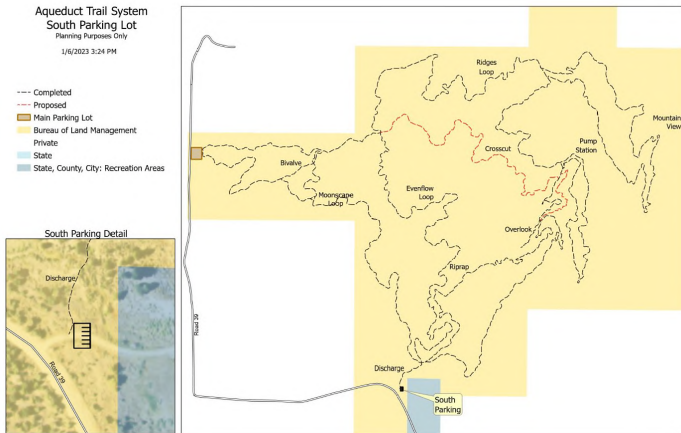
Revenue & Expenditures

End of Year Carryover:	\$142,900.13
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$4,123.31
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$11,553.36
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$15,676.67

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$-488.97
Visitor Services	\$9,981.99
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$471.28
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$9,964.30



Planned Activities



Interpretation panels and kiosks at Aquaduct

TRFO/CANM lost an SRP fee Park Ranger at the end of FY22, this will open permit and fee dollars available for other expenditures during FY23. The SRP program at the TRFO/CANM currently has an annual revenue of approximately \$16,000, a portion of this will likely go towards seasonal Off-High Vehicles (OHV) Park Rangers to match a grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The OHV Rangers conduct work and patrol BLM managed area throughout the entire Field Office spanning 503,589 acres. Other expenditures for FY23 could include Interpretation panels and additional wayfinding kiosks for the Aqueduct Trail System. Additional restrooms might be rented for trailheads and recreation areas in the Cortez SRMA.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$5,500.00
Visitor Services	\$5,500.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$6,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$23,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$148,612.50
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$16,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Tres Rios Field Office generates the largest percentage of permit and fee funds from SRP revenue, in fiscal year 2022 SRP revenue accounted for approximately 74% of total revenue while the other 26% was generated from fees collected from the Bradfield Bridge Campground. The Tres Rios Field Office continues to focus recreational staff on the management of SRPs most of which are issued to family-owned local businesses. These efforts align with the Goals from BLM External Strategy to support Community Service Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Land Users.

The Tres Rios Field Office was also worked with local partner organization to develop the Aqueduct Trail system. This is an 11 mile, multiple use, non-motorized trail system located just 4 miles from Mancos, CO and 18 miles from Cortez, CO. These efforts align with another BLM Goal to Facilitate Greater Well-Being and Economic Benefits within Communities. Through partnerships to develop new trails and supporting local businesses.

