

## **Rangely North OHV Implementation**



RMYC Youth Installing Interpretive Kiosk

One of the major accomplishments this year was the implementation of the North Rangely Open Area, which provides Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation opportunities that are designed to improve the safety of OHV riders. White River Field Office (WRFO) staff installed an information kiosk with the assistance of Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) Trail Crew. This information kiosk provides insight into approved areas of recreation which reduces traffic and degradation of adjacent public and private lands.

#### Amount Expended: \$45,053.62

## New Anderson Gulch Trail



RMYC Youth Constructing Single Track Trail

The BLM White River Field Office (WRFO) staff began construction on the Anderson Gulch Trail, a single-track trail planned within the Meeker Trails System meant to provide a less difficult route for mountain biking access to the East Ridge Trail. The WRFO worked with Rocky Mountain Youth Corps Trails Crew, the South Zone Interagency Fire Crew, The Town of Meeker, Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District, and volunteers from the Meeker community to clear cut corridor and dig tread.

#### Amount Expended: \$22,932.34

# **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/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 White River Field Office worked together with partners and volunteers for National Trails Day on April 30, 2022, on local trails.
- The White River Field Office staff monitored four motorized racing and rockcrawling OHV competitive, commercial events.
- Recreation staff at the WRFO organized National Public Lands Day on September 24, 2022, with community partners and volunteers for trail clean-up.
- Recreation staff and RMYC crews replaced and implemented educational kiosk signs that enhance visitor areas and protects resources.

#### Vicinity Map



### Contacts

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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> 197,547.56	
FY22 Revenue		
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00	
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$61,732.14	
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00	
Interagency Passes	\$240.00	
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$61,972.14	

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$45,053.62
Visitor Services	\$5,773.44
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$16,679.14
Collections/Overhead	\$479.76
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$67,985.96



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## **Planned Activities**



Kiosk Restoration and Maintenance Project

Routine and carry-over projects include continuing to process, administer, and monitor our diverse Special Recreation Permit program.

Assess conditions, implement travel management and educational signage, maintain and restore interpretive areas and kiosks, monitor and inventory the dispersed unique recreation field office area of approximately 1,500,000 million acres.

Assess and monitor potential resource damage, trails, roads, wilderness study areas, and new recreation opportunities.

We will continue to work building strong community relationships with our partners, volunteers, and youth groups for public outreach events, connecting communities.

# FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$25,000.00
Visitor Services	\$45,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$5,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$80,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$191,533.74
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$62,000.00

## **Connecting with Communities**

BLM-managed public lands are America's Great Outdoors, a "Backyard to Backcountry" treasure. The vision of the Connecting with Communities strategy is to build on this strength and expand the BLM's existing partnerships with national, regional, and local organizations who share our goals of providing sustainable recreation opportunities and lasting economic benefits to communities. The White River Field Office (WRFO) collaborates with many local groups to benefit the local community and visitors' recreation program seeking to diversify the visitor recreation experience from Backyard to Backcountry. The unique recreation areas within WRFO increase local opportunity that enhance visitor and recreation services, and environmental justice is also recognized by reducing resource impacts on adjacent BLM-managed lands. Understanding community, social and economic values and quality of life issues, while being able to respond to needed changes aligns with the resources of the BLM's Recreation and Visitor Services Program.

