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Butte

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Maintenance Workers



Maintenance Worker Corey Johnson removing buoys

We created 3 new Career Seasonal Maintenance Worker positions in FY22. These positions are stationed at our administrative facilities within Holter Lake Campground and Devil's Elbow Campground, but help maintain all the BLM administered developed recreation sites around Hauser and Holter Lakes along the Missouri River. We were able to get one of our new career seasonal employees onboarded in mid-June and two others onboarded by the end of August.

Amount Expended: \$89,244.86

Volunteer Reimbursements



Volunteer Tasha assisting in dock removal

The BLM BFO was able to bring on 14 volunteers, as campground hosts and one set of day use site hosts. The volunteers were located at Holter Lake Campground (CG), Holter Dam Campground, White Sandy Campground, Devil's Elbow Campground, Clark's Bay Day Use Area, Divide Bridge Campground, and at Carbella Campground until the Yellowstone River flooded. These volunteers are reimbursed \$30/day for incidental expenses and meals and are provided a campsite with full hookups.

Amount Expended: \$61,208.12

Recreation Fee Dollars

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.

- 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



Other Accomplishments

\$40,000 University of Alaska Fairbanks to complete surveys at our recreation sites.

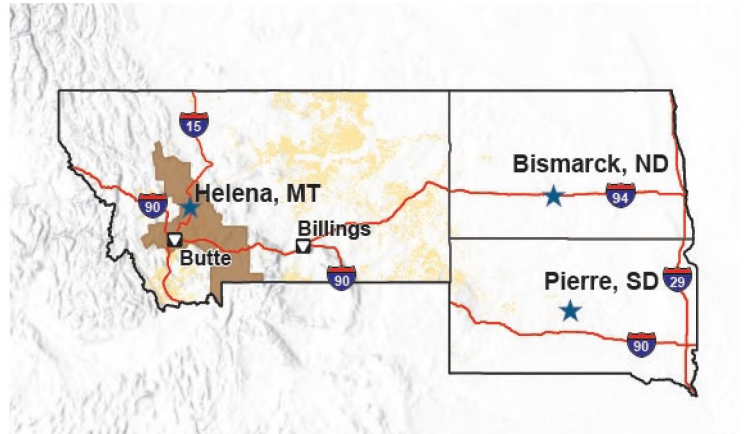
\$10,900.00 We were able to get a fee counting contract in place for the final month of the fee season.

\$31,940.00 The BLM BFO has two separate vault latrine pumping contracts to cover pumping human waste at the fee sites.

\$8,976.87 Spent on utilities (phone and internet services) including getting new satellite internet at 3 locations.

\$34,464.56 Solid Waste Fees, including the contract for dumpsters at our sites as well as trips to the local dumps.

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:	\$252,264.60
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$219,688.47
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$24,561.41
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$5,260.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$249,509.88

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$91,701.54
Visitor Services	\$4,073.45
Law Enforcement	\$3,792.09
Habitat Restoration	\$52,975.34
Collections/Overhead	\$216,304.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$368,846.42



Planned Activities



White Sandy on a busy day

- Digital Iron Ranger Installation
- Improvement and repair of water system at Holter Lake Campground
- Installation of new wells at Devil's Elbow Campground and Clark's Bay Day Use Area
- Chipsealing of asphalt at White Sandy
- Installation of Solar Arrays at White Sandy, Devil's Elbow, and Holter Lake Campground
- Hazard Tree Trimming at Holter Lake
- Repairs and weed control of irrigation systems
- Dock repairs
- Bear Box installation at Holter Lake/Divide Bridge
- Replacement of fire rings and repair of lights for safety
- Removal of Fish Stations
- Painting of latrines and structures
- Repairs of administrative facilities
- Replacement of hydrants on water systems

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$105,000.00
Visitor Services	\$5,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$10,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$5,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$315,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$440,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$132,928.06
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$275,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Bureau of Land Management's Butte Field Office has partnered with the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Fiscal Year 22 to conduct extensive recreation surveys around the Field Office and its fee sites. The purpose of these surveys is to gather important information about public preferences and expectations when visiting BLM administered public lands for recreation. The surveys, which will be conducted throughout the 2023 season, will play a crucial role in shaping the future of recreation on these lands.

By understanding the needs and desires of the public, BLM recreation staff and management will be able to make informed decisions about future planning and development. This feedback will be invaluable in ensuring that public lands are being used and managed in a way that aligns with the needs and expectations of the people who use them. By conducting these surveys, the BLM is taking a proactive step in ensuring that public lands remain accessible and enjoyable for generations to come.

