

Marias River Improvements



Spreading gravel at Marias River boat launches.

The Malta Field Office (FO) has used funds from 1232 to enhance the Marias River boat launch sites by adding gravel to three of them. In addition, the FO has plans to install new signage, picnic tables, and fire pits at these locations in the near future, further improving the visitor experience. These upgrades will provide a more comfortable and convenient environment for outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Marias River.

Picnic shelter bases



Picnic Shelter

The Malta FO is making preparations for the installation of three new picnic shelters at Paulo Reservoir. To get ready for the new shelters, the FO has taken several steps including digging holes, installing sonotubes, and pouring concrete. These steps are crucial to ensuring that the new shelters are securely and properly installed, providing a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors. With the preparation work now complete, the next step will be to install the actual picnic shelters, bringing a new level of comfort and convenience to the Paulo Reservoir area.

Amount Expended: \$5,000.00

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/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.

Amount Expended: \$5,000.00

Other Accomplishments

Two MCC interns worked for the summer.

Vault toilets pumped and gravel spread.

Multiple rec sites maintained.

Vicinity Map



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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:	\$ 40,338.74	
FY22 Revenue		
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$6,399.00	
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$16,757.70	
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00	
Interagency Passes	\$440.00	
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$23,596.70	

FY22 Expenditures		
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,910.76	
Visitor Services	\$2,415.02	
Law Enforcement	\$0.00	
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00	
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00	
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$4,325.78	



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Planned Activities



Construct picnic shelters

In the near future, some exciting changes are planned for Paulo Reservoir and Marias River boat launch sites. Three new picnic shelters are set to be installed at Paulo Reservoir, providing ample space for visitors to relax and enjoy their time in the great outdoors. Along with these new shelters, there are also plans to install new signage, picnic tables, and fire pits at the Marias River boat launch sites. These additions are expected to enhance the overall visitor experience and provide ample opportunities for outdoor recreation and relaxation. With these improvements, visitors can look forward to enjoying all that these beautiful locations have to offer, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Connecting with Communities

The Malta Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is dedicated to connecting with the local community and providing accessible recreation opportunities. To achieve this goal, the office is utilizing the resources of the Recreation & Visitor Services Program. One example of this effort is the recent use of 1232 funds to add gravel to three Marias River boat launches. This project will not only make these sites more accessible, but it will also support local social, economic, and environmental goals. In addition to the gravel, the Malta FO is also planning to install new signage, picnic tables, and fire pits at these boat launch sites to enhance the visitor experience. The office is also prepping for the installation of three new picnic shelters at Paulo Reservoir, where holes have already been dug and sonotubes and concrete have been poured. These picnic shelters, along with the new signage, picnic tables, and fire pits, will provide even more opportunities for communities to enjoy the benefits of recreation in a beautiful and accessible setting.



FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$4,000.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$2,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$6,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$59,609.66
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$0.00