



Flag Pole Maintenance



Flag pole at entrance to PPNM

The flagpole and gate post painting was completed in June 2022. A 120'-foot flagpole sits at the entrance to Pompeys Pillar National Monument (PPNM) and at one time it was the highest in the State of Montana. The steel flagpole was installed in 2008 and experienced some weathering and wear and tear. Work on the flagpole included prepping and painting the flagpole, various gate posts, and a vehicle barrier. It also included installing a new cable and truck (top pulley) on the flagpole.

Amount Expended: \$13,325.00

Hazard Tree Removal



Crew member works to dislodge tree branch

Several cottonwood trees in the riparian area within Pompeys Pillar Area of Critical Environmental Concern were identified as hazardous due to dead limbs hanging precariously over the hiking trails. A contractor brought in a crew to remove those hazardous limbs and reduce the risk of a limb falling on a visitor.

Amount Expended: \$2,484.00

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/capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



Other Accomplishments

End of season maintenance. There's plenty to do at the end of the season at Pompeys Pillar National Monument and seasonal staff were funded from the 1232 account to make this happen.

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:	\$0.00
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,320.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$1,320.00

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$13,325.00
Visitor Services	\$3,540.42
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$2,484.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$19,349.42



Planned Activities



Pompeys Pillar Interpretive Center

- Planned activities at PPNM include lighting upgrades to flag pole lighting that will reduce energy costs and light pollution. Estimated costs are approximately \$4000.00.
- Supporting seasonal labor salaries will be factored into the FY23 budget.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$0.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$-18,029.42
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$0.00

Connecting with Communities

Pompeys Pillar National Monument (PPNM) collaborates with local and regional organizations to benefit local communities and visitors. Partnership with Pompeys Pillar Historical Association (PPHA) since 1991 to protect and preserve cultural and historical resources is significant to both Pompeys Pillar and local communities of the Yellowstone River Valley. PPHA (dba Friends of Pompeys Pillar), enhances public recreation and education opportunities utilizing volunteerism (Internal Strategies, Goal 4, Strategic Focus 1: Use All Funding Sources Available to Maintain Priority Sites and Services). The organization also awards transportation grants to local and regional schools, making it possible to afford bussing costs for field trips to PPNM.

PPNM also works closely with the State of Montana Office of Tourism, City of Billings, and Visit Southeast Montana to promote visitation to PPNM, local communities and businesses. (Goal 1. Support Community Service Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Lands Users. Strategic Focus 1: Proactively Engage with Communities-facilitate more community engagement by creating and maintaining partnerships and agreements with service providers.)

