



# OREGON\_WASHINGTON Border

Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

### Visitor Monitoring



Orienteering SRP Event at Fishtrap

In Fiscal Year 2022, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Border Field Office (BFO) monitored both Special Recreation Permit (SRP) and non-permit annual recreation visitation at the very popular Fishtrap Recreation Area. Five SRPs are permitted annually at Fishtrap: two horseback pointer breed dog trials, two walking tracking dog trials, and one orienteering event. In 2022, the BLM spent \$3,010 for five new traffic counters, three of which are utilized at Fishtrap.

**Amount Expended: \$3,010.00**

### Maintenance and Protection



Trailhead Fencing Maintenance at Fishtrap

Additional BFO expenditures of collected recreation fees included \$1,500 for a truck lumber rack and toolbox to support trailhead, recreation site, and fence maintenance efforts; and \$181 for monthly port-a-potty rental at the popular Hog Lake Loop Trail Trailhead in the Fishtrap Recreation Area. Recreation maintenance and prevention helps BLM to preserve quality of recreation experience and protect resources, benefiting recreation visitors, including for SRP events. Fishtrap is a busy rec area near the Spokane metropolitan area.

**Amount Expended: \$1,681.00**

## 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 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

No FY22 1232 expenditure accomplishments were made other than as described in Stories 1 and 2.

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:	\$6,951.24
<b>FY22 Revenue</b>	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$4,481.20
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:</b>	<b>\$4,481.20</b>

<b>FY22 Expenditures</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,510.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$181.39
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:</b>	<b>\$4,691.39</b>



Planned Activities



Crab Creek Dog Trial SRPs Grounds Maintenance

Planned projects:

Routine mowing of 3-acre SRP dog trials event staging/camping area at Crab Creek primitive recreation site, plus other rec site maintenance, including weeds, vegetation, corrals, water troughs, fences, gates. Est. \$2,000.

Soil conditioning/mowing of SRP-authorized vegetated primitive 2-track roads at Crab Creek supporting several spring and fall SRP dog trials. Est. \$1,500.

Monthly porta-potty rental at Fishtrap Area (currently hosts 5 SRPs) for April – September to help reduce human waste impacts nearby (resource protection). \$180 monthly est. \$1,000.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$3,500.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>Carryover Funds To FY23:</b>	<b>\$6,741.05</b>
<b>FY23 Projected Revenue:</b>	<b>\$4,600.00</b>

Connecting with Communities

Border Field Office permits an endurance horse ride SRP at its Lakeview Area, annually in May for the Equine Distance Riding Association. Riders compete for time along either a 30- or 50-mile course, using 30 miles of designated trails and dirt roads.

In FY 2022, 56 people attended, including 55 event participants.

Staging and camping occurs on adjacent private land. Participants support the local economy, especially of Odessa, WA, by purchases of required weed-free hay, dining, groceries, fuel, and other supplies and services. The permittee works with BLM, the City of Odessa, Lakeview BLM grazing lessees, and adjacent landowners, to ensure compatible use, and protection of natural resources and other protected resources.

Benefits under the permit include: Social benefits: quality groomed and monitored event routes resulting in quality of recreation experience for all visitors year-round; economic outcomes: ongoing annual events result in economic benefits for nearby businesses visited by the SRP attendees, especially in Odessa, WA; environmental outcomes: weeds and riparian water quality problems are averted.

