

# South Steens Campground ROK

# Vault Toilet Pumping Contract



ROK (Remote Off-Grid Kiosk)

The Burns District was selected to pilot the remote offgrid kiosk (ROK). The ROK allows visitors to pay recreation site use fees on site using credit or debit cards. The ROK was installed in May 2022 and shut down for the season in November. During this time, 14.7% of campground funds were collected from the ROK. In Fiscal Year 2023, the ROK will be moved to Fish Lake Campground, a higher use site.



Frog Springs Vault Toilet

To increase efficiency of Recreation Program operations, the Burns BLM has contracted recreation site vault toilet pumping services. Collected recreation fees supported servicing at all 32 district vault toilets. Recreation site vault toilets are now maintained on a schedule, instead of on an as needed basis, providing for improved visitor experiences.

#### Amount Expended \$9,100.00

#### Amount Expended \$32,900.00

### **Recreation Fee Dollars**

- 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 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.

#### **Accomplishment Highlights 2022**

#### **Other Accomplishments**

New kiosk at Jackman Park and Fish Lake Campgrounds: \$4,000

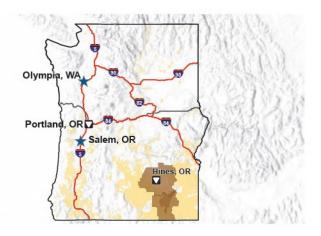
Ordered new signs for Chickahominy Recreation Site: \$2,000

Installed new well gasket and cover to ensure water quality at South Steens Campground: \$500

Chickahominy boat dock stabilization: \$1,000

Raccoon trapping and relocation agreement with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: \$8,000

# Vicinity Map



### Contacts

#### Burns District Office Recreation Fee Program Contact

Phone Number: (541) 573-4400 Email: BLM\_OR\_BU\_Mail@blm.gov Web: https://www.blm.gov/office/Burns-field-office

> 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> 161,040.92	
FY22 Revenue		
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$55,088.06	
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$5,599.40	
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00	
Interagency Passes	\$880.00	
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$61,567.46	

FY22 Expenditures		
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,596.20	
Visitor Services	\$225.38	
Law Enforcement	\$0.00	
Habitat Restoration	\$53,486.42	
Collections/Overhead	\$8,096.65	
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$66,404.65	



#### **Burns**

### **Planned Activities**



### FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$52,000.00
Visitor Services	\$2,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,200.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$55,200.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$156,203.73
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$69,000.00

Steens Wilderness Trail Signs

- Ordering/installing new campground fee signs: \$1,000
- Ordering/installing trailhead signs and assurance markers: \$1,500
- Installation of second vault toilet at Frog Springs: \$21,950
- Installation of new campground portal signs: \$5,000
- Northwest Youth Corp Trail crew work on Steens CMPA trails: \$25,000
- Order and install picnic tables and shade structures for Poison Creek and Warmsprings Recreation Sites: \$3,000

#### **Connecting with Communities**

Jeff Schmidt, owner/operator of Calamity Butte Guide Service, worked cooperatively with the BLM Burns District to host stewardship events at BLM recreation sites in Fiscal Year 2022. Mr. Schmidt is a Harney County resident with a passion for responsible recreation. He and the Burns BLM hosted a community trash cleanup at the Alvord Desert, a heavy use dispersed site, as well as a cleanup and campsite improvement project at Chickahominy Reservoir, a campground west of Burns. Thank you, Calamity Butte Guide Service and community volunteers!

