

Loon Lake Reopens



The new water treatment facility at Loon Lake.

The Loon Lake Recreation Site reopened for the 2022 season with new facilities. The BLM used funds to purchase and construct the water treatment system, maintenance building, and restroom after the original buildings were destroyed in a 2019 snowstorm. The water treatment system is a complete upgrade while the new restroom allows for continued access to facilities. The new buildings enhanced visitor enjoyment, health, and safety.

Seasonal Rangers in Action



Park Ranger Gatti providing directions.

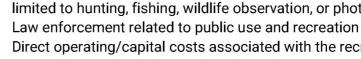
Seasonal Park Rangers are vital to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors, and maintaining recreation sites across the Coos Bay District. Utilizing recreation fees, these staff worked on District for the 2022 summer season supporting campground and day use operations. Their main duties included cleaning facilities, monitoring visitor use, collecting fees, and providing information.

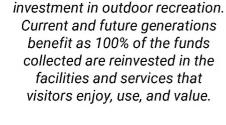
Amount Expended: \$104,611.28 Amount Expended: \$46,776.00

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
- Direct operating/capital costs associated with the recreation fee program





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Other Accomplishments

Edson Creek Campground bridge installation for visitors to access group sites. \$4,402.50

Pumping vault toilets at fee sites. \$6,484.78

Vicinity Map



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> <u>Published FLREA Triennial Report</u> https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/

Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permitsand-fees/flrea-revenue

Connecting with Communities BLM Recreation Strategy https://www.blm.gov/national-office/public-

https://www.blm.gov/national-office/publicroom/strategic-plan/connecting-communities-blmrecreation-strategy-summary

Revenue & Expenditures

End of Year Carryover:	\$ 319,202.67	
FY22 Revenue		
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$47,410.00	
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00	
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00	
Interagency Passes	\$7,820.00	
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$55,230.00	

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$130,405.44
Visitor Services	\$46,776.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$2,760.15
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$179,941.59



Planned Activities



FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$43,000.00
Visitor Services	\$87,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$130,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$194,491.08
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$45,000.00

Edson Creek Campground bridge.

- Contract costs for servicing, cleaning and pumping the restroom facilities at fee sites: \$9,000
- Hire seasonal Park Rangers to assist staff with issuing recreation use permits, campground operations and maintenance, and provide visitor outreach: \$87,000
- Purchase and install accessible fire rings: \$5,000
- Fee site restroom cleaning contract: \$11,000
- Repair, maintain, and service the Loon Lake Recreation Site trash compactor for healthy and safe campground operations: \$11,000
- Installation and removal of the Edson Creek
 Campground bridge for access to group sites: \$7,000

Connecting with Communities

The Coos Bay District is committed to making the benefits of recreation on BLM public lands more accessible to communities while supporting local social, economic, and environmental goals. The District completed most repairs on critical infrastructure at the Loon Lake Recreation Site after a snowstorm damaged the facilities and forced the BLM to close the site. The District's number one recreation priority was to reopen the popular campground and day use site for the 2022 season. The BLM recognized how important Loon Lake is to the region's local economy and the recreation access it provides. The nearby communities of Drain, Scottsburg, Elkton, and Reedsport, Oregon benefit economically from visitors staying overnight or stopping for supplies in these communities. The site is also a favorite among local community members for its outstanding recreational opportunities and fees that fall below market value for the amenities provided. The BLM will continue maintaining and improving infrastructure on the Coos Bay District to provide access to public lands and valuable visitor services.