# UTAH Grand Staircase-Escalante

#### **Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022**

# Labor and Operations



**Recreation and Visitor Services** 

During FY22, recreation fees supported labor costs for the Recreation and Visitor Services Division on GSENM, covering 27 months of labor for the following positions: front and backcountry park rangers, outdoor recreation planners, special recreation permit (SRP) administration, administrative support services, facility maintenance, and Visitor Center supervisors and Monument management.

# Grosvenor Arch fence

National Monument



Grosvenor Arch Fencing and Graffiti Removal

GSENM focused on two projects at the Grosvenor Arch Recreation Site in FY22. BLM staff rebuilt the parking lot fence to improve functionality and maintain the assets in the public parking lot. The second project was a graffiti remediation project partnering with Grand Staircase-Escalante Partners (GSEP). GSEP's volunteer program identified and brought in a high school semester program emphasizing public lands and volunteers' projects.

#### Amount Expended: \$261,498.00

#### Amount Expended: \$2,100.00

# Recreation Fee Dollars

They support and enhance:

- Maintenance, repair, and facility improvement 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 hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography;
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation; and
- 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.

### **Accomplishment Highlights 2022**

### **Grand Staircase-Escalante**

# **Other Achievements**

Initiated a toilet cleaning contract at the Escalante Field Station (\$55,000.00 for the first year of the contract).

Volunteer program development. In FY 22, GSENM completed 37 volunteer projects exceeding 1,100 volunteer hours.

## Vicinity Map



# Contacts

# Grand Staircase-Escalante National

## Monument

#### **Recreation Fee Program Contact**

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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:	\$233,521.00	
FY22 Revenue		
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$77,227.00	
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$204,133.00	
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00	
Interagency Passes	\$6,981.00	
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$288,341.00	

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$74,891.00
Visitor Services	\$186,606.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$22,393.00
Collections/Overhead	\$4,570.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$288,460.00



# **Planned Activities**



Visitor Services

- GESNM will pay for labor and operations within the Recreation and Visitor Services Division. These positions will include front desk and backcountry park rangers, outdoor recreation planners, permit administration, administrative support services, facility maintenance, and Visitor Center supervisors and Monument management.
- Small maintenance projects, including improvements at the Nephi Pasture, Wolverine, and Little Death Hollow trailheads, will be scheduled.
- Park rangers will continue working with volunteer programs to address recreational impacts in the Circle Cliffs and along Hole-in-the-Rock Road.
- Two clean-up projects include dismantling trespass backcountry camps in wilderness study areas.

## **Connecting with Communities**

GSENM will continue to develop its partnerships to enhance the knowledge and skills base available for management of the monument. Following a successful year in FY22, GSENM will continue to facilitate engagement with partners to ensure the recreation experience is positive while maintaining the integrity of Monument objects and values. Through public outreach and volunteer events, staff will educate GSENM visitors on the purpose of National Monuments and their prescribed objects and values. These partnerships, outreach opportunties, and volunteer events will help to ensure responsible recreation in GSENM.

# FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$87,500.00
Visitor Services	\$222,668.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$22,393.00
Collections/Overhead	\$21.75
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$332,582.75
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$233,402.00
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$185,000.00

