



UTAH St. George

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Bearclaw Poppy Trail Improvement



Recent Improvements to the Bearclaw Poppy Trail.

The BLM's St. George Field Office (SGFO) used fee revenues to protect habitat for the endangered dwarf bearclaw poppy in the vicinity of the Bearclaw Poppy Trail. The project included the construction of a wood rail fence along sections of the trail, the rehabilitation of social trails, and the installation of educational signage. These improvements will help visitors navigate the start of the trail and avoid off-trail travel.

Amount Expended: \$6,807.00

Anasazi Trailhead Revegetation



Volunteers and BLM staff revegetate the trailhead.

The SGFO completed a project to revegetate disturbed areas impacted by the construction of the Anasazi Trailhead to improve habitat and visitor experience. The project included the planting of native species, including creosote, mesquite, and desert willow, and hydroseeding with native grasses and forbs. This project was paid for with fee revenues and work was completed by field office staff, BLM wildland firefighters, contractors, and volunteers.

Amount Expended: \$11,500.00

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

Developed Waddy's Corral OHV Staging Area with local partners (\$2,500).

Funded a janitorial contract to service and clean trailhead and restroom facilities (\$75,000).

Deployed a network of traffic counters to collect visitation data (\$28,000).

Replaced and maintained signs along trails and roads throughout the field office (\$10,000).

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:	\$703,120.42
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$154,827.61
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$517,873.19
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$672,700.80

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$120,111.39
Visitor Services	\$93,243.14
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$201,313.56
Collections/Overhead	\$44,874.12
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$459,542.21



Planned Activities



Planned restroom location at Sand Mountain.

- Approximately \$185,000 will be spent on staff salaries.
- \$75,000 will be spent to pay for an annual janitorial contract that services restrooms and facilities.
- The establishment of two Cooperative Agreements (\$175,000) with Public Land Corps organizations is also anticipated. These agreements would provide for youth crews to assist with trail construction and maintenance, and support outdoor recreation management youth internship projects.
- Another planned project includes improvements to the Wire Mesa Trailhead, including a new restroom (\$85,000).

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$445,000.00
Visitor Services	\$100,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$7,728.00
Habitat Restoration	\$50,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$35,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$637,728.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$916,279.01
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$500,000.00

Connecting with Communities

In previous years, the SGFO worked on various projects with county and city governments, interest groups, non-profit organizations, and individual citizens, ranging from trash cleanup and recreation site maintenance to the development of trails, trailheads, parking, and staging areas. These partnerships will continue in FY23 and beyond. Specific to FY23, the SGFO will partner with a private landowner to determine management objectives for existing trails that cross federal and private property boundaries. A composting toilet will also be installed at the Sand Mountain Open OHV Area, in a joint project with with non-profit partners and local and state governments. The BLM will continue to provide educational materials for the protection of the threatened Mojave desert tortoise at permitted events within the Santa Clara River Reserve. These projects will enable the SGFO to meet the BLM's recreation strategy by engaging with communities, promoting responsible shared use of public lands, facilitating greater well-being and economic benefits within the community, and strengthening communications and outreach efforts.

