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Cody

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Increasing Access and Tracking Visitor Use

Seven Mountain Trail Improvements



A proud community member with the newly installed visitor register/kiosk

The BLM Cody Field Office has developed two parking areas east of Shell, Wyoming to improve access to BLM administered lands. Each gravel parking area is complete with informational kiosks and maps, as well as visitor registers to track visitor use. These parking areas will benefit recreational users of all types including hunters, mountain bikers, hikers, OHV users as well as equestrian users by helping them navigate to and learn how to recreate responsibly in these recreation areas. Recreation fees amounting to \$5,000 were used to purchase the visitor registers, and the supplies needed to install them.

Amount Expended: \$5,000.00



BLM seasonals building a retaining wall on Seven Mountain Trail

The BLM Cody Field Office hosted volunteers from American Hiking Society. Six awesome trail stewards spent four days making improvements on the Seven Mountain Trail in August 2022. Improvements included building retaining walls and steps, fixing the tread of the trail, removing invasive weeds as well as installing updated signage, drainage features, and duck nesting structures along the river. The Cody Field Office used \$2,365.00 in recreation fees to provide materials and supplies for the trail work.

Amount Expended: \$2,365.00

Recreation Fee Dollars

They support and enhance:

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.

- 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



Other Accomplishments

Installing signage at Little Mountain to increase information about designated routes and enhance the visitor experience \$3,500.00.

Supplies, equipment, and services \$4,000.00

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:	\$-4,041.90
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$3,215.51
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$19,904.33
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$9,560.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$32,679.84

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$12,699.19
Visitor Services	\$10,786.25
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$562.97
Collections/Overhead	\$2,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$24,048.41



Planned Activities



Five Springs Falls Upper Loop Trail

The BLM Cody Field Office plans to host volunteers from American Hiking Society at the Five Springs Fall Campground. These volunteers will improve the local hiking trails around the campground, fix an existing boardwalk, and make improvements to the campsites and facilities. The projected costs for this project are around \$6,000.00.

Two agreements are in place with the local counties to help the BLM in removal of invasive weeds throughout the field office’s recreation areas. The total projected cost is \$7,000.00.

Supplies for public outreach events such as National Trails Day and National Public Lands Day \$3,000.00.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,000.00
Visitor Services	\$3,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$10,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$2,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$21,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$4,589.53
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$30,000.00

Connecting with Communities

Over the past year, BLM Cody Field Office Outdoor Recreation Planners met with two local outdoor recreation collaboratives to discuss recreational within the Cody Field Office and how to improve access to those public lands. One improvement project features the development of campsites and other amenities at Darnell Hills OHV Area. A few other improvement projects feature two new parking areas near Shell, WY and a newly developed access site for Rainbow Canyon, east of Lovell, WY, complete with a parking area, an informational kiosk, a visitor register, and two picnic areas.

Each of these projects has become a priority in recent years due to the initiative of individuals working with these recreation collaboratives. Each collaborative consists of a group of volunteers representing outdoor recreation and local businesses in the Bighorn Basin of Wyoming that work together to promote, enhance, and develop sustainable outdoor recreation that encourages responsible use, personal well-being, and economic benefit in Park County and Big Horn County.

