



WYOMING Lander

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Making Roads Easy on the Land



Photo during construction process.

The LFO hired the foremost expert in managing and maintaining low traffic roads to both accommodate traffic levels and sustainable "harvest water" to benefit adjacent riparian systems. The consultant and BLM roads staff were paired to apply these techniques on an important access road to National Trails and a WSA. The techniques applied improved road drainage, but also maintained the roads standard as a two-track; striking an essential balance between access and resource protection.

Amount Expended: \$20,000.00

The Weed Fight



Horseback Weed Spraying at Johnny Behind the Rocks

Provided funding to the LFOs weed treatment agreement with Fremont County Weed and Pest District. The funding provided specifically focuses on addressing noxious and invasive plants in the Johnny Behind the Rocks Special Recreation Management Area. By inventorying and treating invasive species along use areas, this agreement will ensure trail users remain clean, while also limiting the spread of these species within the area and county--in-turn also protecting rare and endemic plant populations

Amount Expended: \$5,000.00

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 or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



Other Accomplishments

Continued maintenance contracts and volunteer host staffing at Atlantic City, Big Atlantic Gulch, and Cottonwood Campgrounds.

Continued NHT Visitor Use Monitoring and Evaluation

Supported a volunteer fence removal in the Dubois Badlands WSA in partnership with Wyoming Wilderness Associates.

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:	\$122,542.00
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$10,282.27
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$36,514.87
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$2,340.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$49,137.14

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$29,263.19
Visitor Services	\$9,469.02
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$11,517.08
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$50,249.29



Planned Activities



Johnny Behind the Rocks J-Line Trail

The Planned activities include:

- Install tent pads and new fire rings at Atlantic City, Big Atlantic Gulch, and Cottonwood Campground.
- Support volunteer campground host at Atlantic City and Big Atlantic Gulch Campgrounds.
- Continue maintenance contracts at 5 heavily used recreation sites.
- Hire seasonal technician to assist with monitoring and maintenance of recreation sites and areas.
- Continue partnership with Wyoming Pathways and local community to maintain and construct trails at the Johnny Behind the Rocks SRMA.
- Continue partnership with Fremont County Weed and Pest to treat noxious and invasive species at Johnny Behind the Rocks SRMA.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$59,500.00
Visitor Services	\$9,469.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$11,517.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$80,486.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$121,429.85
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$71,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The BLM Lander Field Office continued its agreement with Wyoming Pathways to organize partners and develop trails at Johnny Behind the Rocks--A community-based trail system 14 miles from the community of Lander. Specifically, stakeholders identified a need to reduce fast down-hill traffic on the Johnny's Draw Trail. The Johnny's Draw Trail is mulitmodal non-motorized trail that is very popular. Of specific concern to users was the safety issues presented when downhill mountain bike travel encountered uphill traffic. This concern was especially acute to equestrian users.

Earlier, during the development of the Master Trails Plan for Johnny Behind the Rocks, the BLM consulted with several tribal governments to identify a corridor where a down-hill optimized trail could be located while also protecting sensisitive resources in the area.

In 2022, the downhill optimized trail became a reality. Designed and built by a expert trail builder (who grew up in Lander), the J-line trail is a purpose built trail that has succesfully reduced downhill traffic inturn reducing conflicts among users, while also protecting sensitive biological and cultural resources.

