



# COLORADO

## Colorado River Valley

Field Office

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

#### Recreation Intern



Recreation Intern

**Amount Expended: \$22,853.81**

The BLM CRVFO hired an intern for the summer and fall of 2023 through the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) using 1232 funds. The intern completed a tremendous amount of tasks during the 2023 field season. These tasks included working with local trail partner groups to complete trail projects and helped educate 5th grade students in Eagle County Colorado at the annual Eagle River Festival. Recreation site maintenance was also a core duty for the intern.

#### Recreation Site Maintenance



Recreation Site Maintenance

**Amount Expended: \$20,000.00**

CRVFO Recreation staff performed critical maintenance at many boat ramps and trailheads during the 2023 field season. Years of sediment build up on boat ramps was removed to make for safer and easier river access. Trailhead potholes were addressed, and proper drainage installed for a more user-friendly parking experience. Substantial improvements included expanded parking, new kiosk, and boat ramp turnaround at the Community Boat Ramp on the Eagle River in partnership with Eagle County.

### Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$24,619.42
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$126,839.33
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$2,140.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23</b>	<b>\$153,598.75</b>
<b>Carryover from Prior Years</b>	<b>\$185,308.19</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY23</b>	<b>\$338,906.94</b>

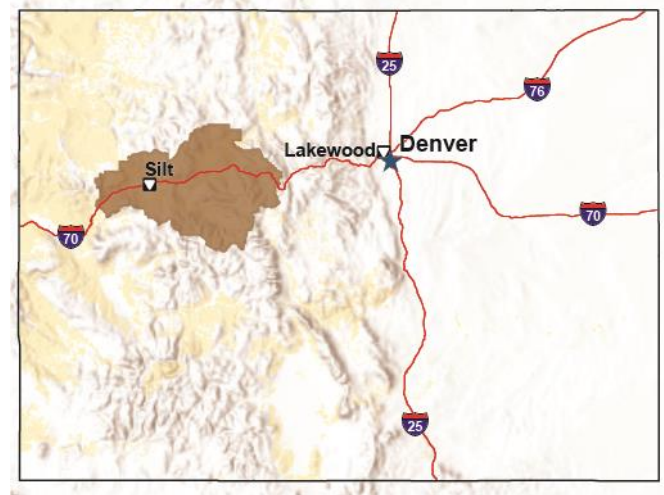
FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$34,102.18
Visitor Services	\$6,050.54
Law Enforcement	\$4,069.55
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$35,753.10
Collections/Overhead	\$14,635.49
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23</b>	<b>\$94,610.86</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$244,296.08</b>



Other Accomplishments

- The CRVFO made purchases to enhance our maintenance capabilities including a hose reel for our Hotsy truck spray cleaner.
- Additional purchases included PPE (nitrile gloves, face shield, Tyvek suits), toilet paper, toilet pumping services.
- Other miscellaneous purchases included duct tape, hardware, drills, drill bits, buckets, fencing, trash bags.
- The CRVFO administered 13 event SRPs in 2022. These events hosted over 1,500 participants in 2023.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Park Rangers and Business Plan

The CRVFO plan to hire a career seasonal and permanent Park Ranger that will be partially supported by 1232 funds in FY 2024 and beyond. The CRVFO has been understaffed for many years. Having only two permanent recreation staff since 2019 and one since summer 2023 has led to a backlog of maintenance work at recreation sites and backlog of Special Recreation Permit (SRP) administration. The Park Rangers, supported by 1232 funds, will provide critical support to our recreation sites and SRP program. The CRVFO will also be implementing our approved business plan. This plan will increase camping fees from \$10 to \$20 per night at the Wolcott and Gypsum campgrounds and add fees at other sites.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$71,000.00
Visitor Services	\$40,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$35,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$2,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$15,000.00
<b>Total Planned Expenditures for FY24</b>	<b>\$163,000.00</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$244,296.08</b>
<b>FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures</b>	<b>\$81,296.08</b>

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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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[Bureau of Land Management's Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation](https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-08/Blueprint%20for%2021st%20Century%20Outdoor%20Recreation508.pdf)

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*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.*

