



COLORADO Gunnison

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

Labor for field and admin staff



BLM Ranger clearing a trail

Amount Expended: \$48,697.41

During 2023, the BLM GFO used FLREA funds to hire one intern and 7 seasonal park rangers to support the recreation and visitor services program. Staff provided information to the public at the front desk for the Gunnison Field Office, maintained facilities and recreation amenities for the public, maintained trail networks, contacted visitors, and monitored recreation areas. In addition, FLREA funds supported law enforcement patrols and administrative functions to administer the fee program.

Kiosks at Powderhorn THs



Gunnison FO Rangers Installing a Trailhead Kiosk

Amount Expended: \$4,995.00

The BLM GFO constructed and installed new kiosks at the Ten Mile Springs, Powderhorn Park, Devil's Creek, and Powderhorn Lakes trailheads. These kiosks provide wilderness visitors with important safety and leave no trace information about the Powderhorn Wilderness. These kiosks were installed by hand by Gunnison Field Office staff. The Powderhorn Wilderness is known for its world-class big game hunting opportunities, and funding for the kiosk project was generated through guided hunting SRPs.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$55,825.06
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$87,449.10
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$24.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,220.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$144,518.16
Carryover from Prior Years	\$152,183.72
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$296,701.88

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$89,569.14
Visitor Services	\$12,566.50
Law Enforcement	\$3,505.61
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$13,328.65
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$118,969.90
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$177,731.98



Other Accomplishments

- Trash Collection Contract at Mill Creek Campground. \$5,320
- Toilet Vault Pumping. \$5,000

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



GFO Ranger in the field

GFO will continue to utilize 1232 funds where they are generated. As visitor numbers and recreation demand continue to increase across the Gunnison Resource Area, locally generated revenues should continue to allow GFO to keep pace with demand; mainly through funding project supplies and supplementing the field-going recreation, law enforcement, and administrative workforce to support the fee program. GFO was successful in receiving external funds from CPW for motorized and non-motorized maintenance activities. GFO plans to roll over 1232 funds to supplement labor in FY25 and FY26: Goal \$75K. GFO will support two campground hosts, purchase signage & field supplies, and print brochures.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$25,000.00
Visitor Services	\$9,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$28,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$12,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$29,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$103,000.00
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$177,731.98
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$74,731.98

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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.

