



NEVADA Red Rock Canyon

National Conservation Area

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

Calico Social Trail Restoration



Wildflowers grow along the rehabilitated trail.

Amount Expended: \$6,316.00

Millions of visitors enjoy Red Rock Canyon NCA's Scenic Drive every year, and balancing this intense recreation use with conservation can be difficult in this popular recreation area. Many social trails caused erosion in a popular area creating hazards and trampling of plants. Field rangers, together with partner Friends of Red Rock Canyon and their corporate volunteers, were able to rehabilitate the area. This was also part of a Leave No Trace Spotlight program, bringing attention to responsible recreation practices.

Suicide Prevention Signs



Rangers look at a sign installed in Calico Basin.

Amount Expended: \$2,795.00

After a particularly tragic holiday season, the staff of RRCNCA felt moved to provide positive messaging to the public about mental health. Law enforcement and interpreters worked to design suicide prevention signage and have it installed in key areas throughout the NCA. The signs were so well received by the public that even more were printed and translated into Spanish to support a larger part of the community. Ranger Anica Mercado was also given national recognition for this project with BLM's INSPIRE award.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$4,905,396.44
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$206,240.44
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$135,590.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$5,247,226.88
Carryover from Prior Years	\$1,654,306.09
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$6,901,532.97

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,041,334.65
Visitor Services	\$273,752.74
Law Enforcement	\$672,051.62
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$1,852,756.93
Collections/Overhead	\$606,413.87
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$4,446,309.81
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$2,455,223.16



Other Accomplishments

- Cottonwood RAMP completion, including public input and public meetings.
- Climbing route inventory under contract with Great Basin Institute and the use and analysis of the data that was gathered.
- Extensive trail work and rehabilitation of numerous social trails throughout the NCA, with resource damage mitigation.
- Critical staffing hires such as a volunteer coordinator, field rangers, a wildlife biologist, and a realty specialist.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Rangers observe mobility aid devices on trails.

- Sign plan and updates to signage on Scenic Loop: \$50,000
- Pit toilet planning and NEPA for remote areas: \$50,000
- Calico Basin improvements NEPA analysis, design and installations: \$150,000
- Completing Core Area SRP EA and analysis: \$10,000
- Adaptive trails monitoring, planning, and trail work: \$10,000. Partner Friends of Red Rock has committed to offer volunteers and supplies as well.
- Science Plan drafting and scoping: \$5,000
- Red Springs gate design and installation: \$20,000

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$900,000.00
Visitor Services	\$500,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$700,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$1,800,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$850,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$4,750,000.00
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$2,455,223.16
Expected FY24 Revenue	\$5,200,000.00
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$2,905,223.16

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[Published FLREA Triennial Report](https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/)

<https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/>

[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.

