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Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

Growing Diverse Partnerships



New River Permit Station in Washington

Amount Expended: \$3,977.00

Vale BLM's Baker Field Office is the lead land management agency on the Wallowa & Grande Ronde Wild and Scenic River with multiple partners. This year the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife acquired a river access site near Boggan's. BLM installed a kiosk and river permit station to serve boaters. WDFW is an important partner for future planning efforts on the river. In line with the blueprint, we are proactively preparing to meet the demand, protect resources, and improve access.

Keeping Up with the Demand



Hells Canyon Rec Site Maintenance

Amount Expended: \$3,569.00

This year, Baker Field Office completed site improvements and deferred maintenance projects along the Snake River and partnered with Malheur Field Office to finish the remainder of the Hells Canyon recreation sites. The Vale District partners with Idaho Power on the Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon reservoirs where most of the projects are located. This site is unique because it is managed by the Malheur Field Office and upstream of the impoundments on the Snake River.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$8,242.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$3,618.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,840.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$13,700.00
Carryover from Prior Years	\$93,686.00
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$107,386.00

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$6,170.00
Visitor Services	\$10,461.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$3,721.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$20,352.00
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$127,738.00



Other Accomplishments

- River Ranger assisted with Union County Search and Rescue Swiftwater Rescue training at Minam OR.
- River Ranger performed three interagency river patrols with US Forest Service - Umatilla National Forest personnel.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Bridge over Grande Ronde

Baker Field Office is being proactive to meet recreation demand for the future while protecting resources and improving access to public lands through partnerships with state agencies, communities, and Idaho Power. Upcoming projects include: the Idaho Power FERC relicensing EIS which is expected to be completed in 2025. The Joseph Branch Trail-With-Rail project will start this year and open river access to BLM public lands in the Wallowa & Grande Ronde WSR corridor. BFO is working with multiple federal, state, local and Tribal partners to update the South Fork Walla Walla ACEC Management Plan to address access after a road to the trailhead was washed out in 2020.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$7,000.00
Visitor Services	\$40,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$4,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$52,000.00
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$127,738.00
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures*	\$75,738.00

*Figure excludes projected revenue for FY24

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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.

