



COLORADO Grand Junction

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

18 Road Campground Maintenance



New shade structure at the 18 Road Campground

Amount Expended: \$31,000.00

The North Fruita Desert (aka 18 Road) campground was expanded to include 23 more sites, bringing the total number of reservable sites to 134. This expansion also included the installation of two new vault toilets and a shade structure for group use. This expansion was funded by grant dollars and state engineering funds. This campground hosted over 18,000 campers this last year, over 90,000 visitors and seven SRP events. The 1232 fees spent at this site included labor to maintain consistent ranger presence, materials like toilet paper and signs, and services like \$15,000.00 worth of vault toilet pumping.

18 Road Trails



Amount Expended: \$9,350.00

In partnership with Mesa County and the City of Fruita, approximately 30 miles of new trails were laid out and contracted to be constructed starting in FY23 into FY24. This last year saw the construction of 17 miles, bringing the total number of miles built of the ~30 planned miles to ~26. Repairs and maintenance at 18 Road covered by 1232 fees collected from campers amounted to nearly \$10,000.00. Grants obtained by the Mesa County Public Health Department, spent through their non-motorized trail crew, helped provide finish construction work on trails, maintenance in the wake of monsoon washouts, and grants for surveys required for a reroute of the last to be built stretch of new trail.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUP)	\$312,275.38
Special Recreation Permits (SRP)	\$16,545.80
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$240.00
Total recreation fee revenue for FY24	\$329,061.18
Carryover from prior years	\$300,438.22
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$629,499.40

FY24 Expenditures	
Repairs and Maintenance	\$72,702.48
Visitor Services	\$21,858.77
Law Enforcement	\$128,394.48
Inventory, Monitoring, and Planning	\$17,600.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$240,555.73
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$388,943.67



Other Accomplishments

- We increased law enforcement presence by funding a rural area sheriff deputy partnering with our local county.
- We improved the Events Center/Staging Area at I8 Road's lower campground.
- We increased our ranger's presence and attendance to maintenance at the far reaches of the trail system through the purchase and use of two e-MTBs for use at I8 road.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Roam Fest at I8 Road SRMA Events Center

Perform maintenance on aging vault toilets, fund grading, dust and weed mitigation in the event center, trailhead, and campsites. Finishing the Phase 3 build out of I8 Road SRMA to include additional campsites and mountain bike trails. Improve existing camp host site and build an additional site in the lower campground loop. Hire a dedicated career seasonal to cover I8 Road SRMA.

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$75,000.00
Visitor Services	\$35,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$135,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$245,000.00
Total Available Funds for FY25	\$388,945
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$143,945

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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.

