



IDAHO Cottonwood

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Effects from the Gwen Fire



Hazardous Trees at McKay's Bend Recreation Site

Amount Expended: \$2,490.00

In July, the Gwen Fire burned through the McKay's Bend Recreation Site on the Clearwater River. As a result, several trees were scorched, which created hazards throughout the site. The site was closed to the public for over a month due to the effects of the fire and fire suppression efforts. Before re-opening the site, the Cottonwood Field Office (CFO) used fee revenue to remove hazardous trees and limbs to ensure public safety.

Extreme Adventure Club Shuttle Service



Participants on the Lower Salmon River (LSR)

Amount Expended: \$750.00

The CFO hosted 28 local kids, ages 8-14, for a 10-mile float trip on the Lower Salmon River from Twin Bridges to the White Bird Gravel Pit Recreation Site. The CFO partnered with the University of Idaho's Extreme Adventure Club, whose mission is to promote health and wellness for youth in the community through healthy lifestyle activities. To help with logistics, the CFO paid for the shuttle services to get the youth on the river. The BLM, US Forest Service, and volunteers helped to provide these children a safe and fun outdoors recreation experience on public land.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$79,876.46
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$134,724.58
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$340.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$214,941.04
Carryover from Prior Years	\$442,561.15
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$657,502.19

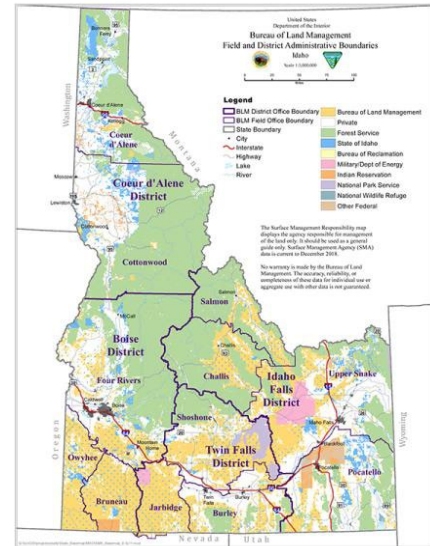
FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$40,875.96
Visitor Services	\$1,998.35
Law Enforcement	\$3,679.08
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$790.40
Collections/Overhead	\$90,927.76
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$138,271.55
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$519,230.64



Other Accomplishments

- Provided portable toilets and weekly services at three recreation sites along the Lower Salmon River.
- The CFO hosted the 8th annual Clearwater River Clean-up for National Public Lands Day in partnership with the Idaho Youth Challenge Academy. The event boasted the largest turnout to date and over 1,000 pounds of trash was removed.
- The CFO purchased supplies and hired a local general contractor to rebuild Slate Creek Recreation Site's pump house after it was severely damaged.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Entrance at Shorts Bar Recreation Site on the LSR

In FY25, the CFO will continue to spend fee revenue to purchase supplies, equipment, and services to operate and maintain recreation sites on the Clearwater and Lower Salmon Rivers.

The CFO will fund a new septic pumping contract for the Lower Salmon River Sites, as well as continue to fund a cleaning contractor for these sites.

Shorts Bar Recreation Site will complete improvements to the asphalt at the site entrances.

The CFO plans to pay for 6 work months for two seasonal Park Ranger positions to help maintain recreation sites within the CFO. The CFO will also reimburse 3 full-time Volunteer Camp Hosts.

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$225,000.00
Visitor Services	\$25,122.00
Law Enforcement	\$14,151.42
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$1,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$33,087.90
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$298,361.32
Total Projected funds for FY25	\$519,230.64
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$220,869.32*

*Amount excludes projected revenue for FY 25

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Published FLREA Triennial Report

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

Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrea-revenue>

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>

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.

