



MONTANA_DAKOTAS

Billings

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Field Office

Recreation Trainings



Cave & Karst Management Training group photo.

Amount Expended: \$5,323.60

A portion of the 1232 funds were used to send two Billings Field Office (BiFO) Outdoor Recreation Planners (ORPs) to attend the first BLM National Recreation Training Symposium in Phoenix, AZ. Employees were able to network and attend trainings on accessibility, grant writing, GIS, cave and karst, diversity, shooting sports, and more! 1232 funds also were used to send one ORP to a Cave and Karst Management Training in Cody, WY. This training aided the employee when writing the new BiFO Cave and Karst Management Plan.

Employee Funding



Sign installed by seasonal ranger.

Amount Expended: \$2,500.00

We funded a part time position to utilize throughout the year to monitor sites in the Pryor Mountains, Cottonwood, Acton, and other recreation areas. This employee was our retired law enforcement officer who knows the ins and outs of our operation. Some of the work completed includes visitor contacts, monitoring, trash cleanups, and sign installations to mark off road travel restrictions and BLM access points in our checkerboarded field office. Carsonite posts were also installed along a county road to show visitors access points when they enter and leave public lands.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$29,397.76
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$5,030.50
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$34,428.26
Carryover from Prior Years	\$46,806.67
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$81,234.93

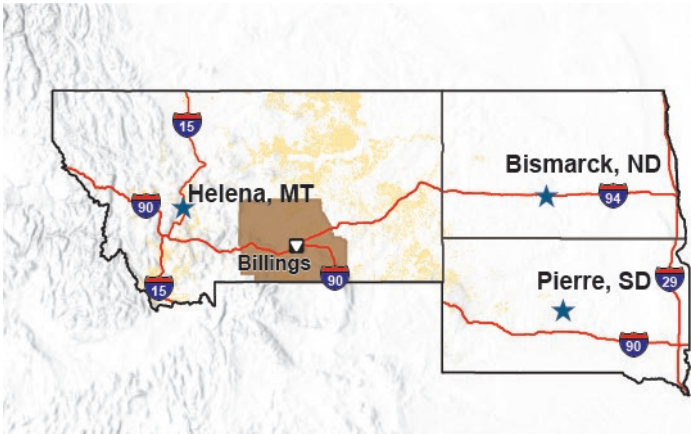
FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,101.18
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$7,141.59
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$9,242.77
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$71,992.16



Other Accomplishments

Vicinity Map

- The team processed seven Letters of Agreements, demonstrating their commitment to work with local partners and completing administrative tasks efficiently.
- Ten Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) were processed by the team, indicating their ability to handle a high volume of requests.
- [OtherAccomplishments3]



Planned Activities

FY25 Planned Expenditures



Shepherd Ah-Nei Rec. Area OHV maintained trails.

In 2025 the BiFO plans to use 1232 funding in order to match a Trail Steward Grant we received from the State to bring on an OHV steward for our field office during the summer season. We also plan to update trailhead signage at Shepherd Ah-Nei Recreation Area and perform upkeep on trailhead amenities.

Repair & Maintenance	\$1,500.00
Visitor Services	\$5,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$6,500.00
Total Projected funds for FY25	\$71,992.16
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$65,492.16

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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.

