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Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Field Office

Remote Off-grid Kiosks (ROKs)



Recreation User Pays Fees on a New ROK

Amount Expended: \$75,000.00

The Butte Field Office purchased and installed Remote Off-Grid Kiosks at eight different developed recreation sites in an effort to improve safety, efficiency, and sustainability of fee collection operations. The ROK, developed by SaniStar, allows visitors to pay recreation site use fees on site using credit or debit cards. The goal is to eliminate the need for traditional fee collection methods such as iron rangers and fee envelopes. Since the installation, recreation site users have given positive feedback.

Volunteer Campground Hosts



Sid and Irene, National Volunteer Award Winners

Amount Expended: \$45,000.00

The Butte Field Office recruited 19 volunteers for the FY 24 season, who played a crucial role in maintaining the recreation sites and campgrounds. Volunteers assisted staff by checking in visitors, cleaning vault toilets, and answering public inquiries. All of our volunteers always go above and beyond, but we had the honor of two of our campground hosts, Sid and Irene Noyes, being selected as Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award winners in the BLM's 2024 Community Engagement Awards. Sid and Irene have volunteered at Spokane Bay boat-in campsite for 15 years.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$325,781.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$28,130.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$6,760.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$360,671.00
Carryover from Prior Years	\$667,601.20
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$1,028,272.20

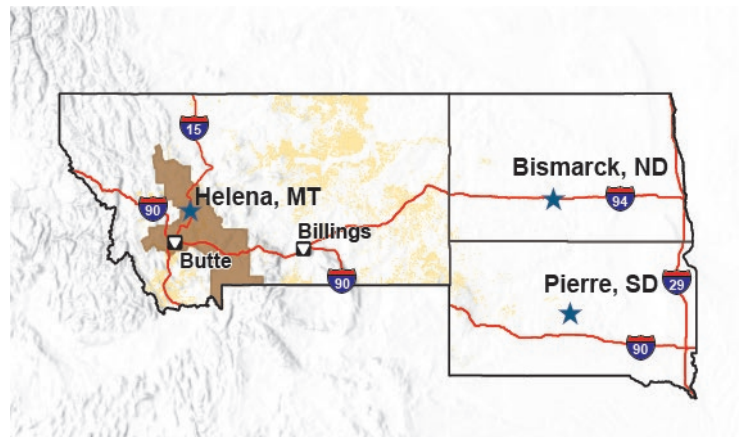
FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$124,226.20
Visitor Services	\$20,090.50
Law Enforcement	\$66.97
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$147,941.07
Collections/Overhead	\$137,302.97
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$429,627.71
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$598,644.49



Other Accomplishments

- Scratch Gravel Hills trailhead improvements, including new gravel lots, trailer parking, fencing, and kiosks were funded through GAOA
- New well at Devil's Elbow campground, \$100,000 from 1232 funds and \$98,000 from River Fund grant partnership with Northwest energy
- New solar arrays were installed at Devil's Elbow, White Sandy, Holter Lake, and Log Gulch developed recreation sites. Installation of these solar arrays will offset the energy cost of operating these sites.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Holter Lake Recreation Area in October

- Irrigation and Landscaping Improvements \$650,000
- Ringing Rock Road Reroute \$430,000
- Devil's Elbow Water System Replacement: Replace the Water Distribution System - \$275,000
- Chip Seal Devil's Elbow \$250,000
- Removing Trash \$75,000
- Vault Toilet Pumping \$50,000
- Fund Continuing Agreement With Montana Conservation Corps \$40,000
- Iron Ranger installation at Non-Chain of Lakes Recreation Sites \$20,000
- Fee Site Signage at Six Recreation Sites With New Fees \$10,000
- Fee Booth at Devil's Elbow Recreation Site \$10,000
- Repaint Vault Toilets and Repair Picnic Tables \$6,000
- Network Improvements at Chain of Lakes \$5,000

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$245,200.00
Visitor Services	\$1,500.00
Law Enforcement	\$10,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$25,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$180,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$461,700.00
Total Projected funds for FY25	\$598,644.49
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$136,944.49

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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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- Picnic Shelter Installation at Toston
Recreation Sites \$4,000

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.

