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Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Birch Creek Ranch & River Patrol



River Shuttle Parking at Birch Creek

Amount Expended: \$9,049.93

Birch Creek Historic Ranch sits on the banks of the Owyhee River. It consists of 19 historic structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It also serves as the primary take-out for rafters floating the Owyhee Wild & Scenic River. Fee dollars collected are used to support the maintenance of this historic ranch, raft take-out, and camping facilities that are utilized by commercial and private boaters. BLM river rangers patrol the Owyhee educating on river ethics, perform campsite monitoring and litter removal.

Fly Fishing on the Owyhee River



Overlooking the Owyhee Below the Dam

Amount Expended: \$3,881.40

The Owyhee River below the Owyhee Dam has grown into a world-class fly-fishing destination. Seven commercial guide companies operate on the river. Unguided anglers also fish in the river. There are no developed campsites or bathroom facilities. The BLM provides portable toilets, and trash service to protect resources. These services are funded with recreation fee dollars collected from the seven commercial outfitters and benefit all visitors recreating in the area.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$2,266.54
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$37,548.55
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$39,815.09
Carryover from Prior Years	\$34,802.20
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$74,617.29

FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,701.91
Visitor Services	\$27,207.15
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$9,093.43
Collections/Overhead	\$814.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$38,816.49
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$35,800.80



Other Accomplishments

- Portable toilet rental for dispersed camping below Owyhee Dam. \$10,000.00
- Trash service at Owyhee River dispersed camping area. \$3,000.00
- Built and installed new kiosk at the Jordan Craters site. \$2,000.00

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Dumpsters Below the Dam

- Replace four Vale District portal signs with new nation-wide design. \$4,000
- Replace six "Welcome to the Owyhee High Desert" signs. \$2,000
- Pump vault toilets. \$3,000
- Portable toilet rental for dispersed camping below Owyhee Dam. \$10,000
- Trash service at Owyhee River dispersed camping area. \$3,000

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$1,700.00
Visitor Services	\$25,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$8,200.00
Collections/Overhead	\$800.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$35,700.00
Total Projected funds for FY25	\$35,800.80
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures*	\$100.80

*Figure excludes projected revenue for FY25

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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.

