



UTAH Moab River Program

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Field Office

Annual River Clean Up with Partners



Using a raft to remove trash along the river

Amount Expended: \$15,000.00

Partnerships with permittees and other agencies help manage the popular Moab daily section of the Colorado River. Canyonlands Field Institute, a permittee that focuses on educational outreach, has hosted a day trip to remove garbage for several years. They coordinate the logistics and we work together with Utah Forestry Fire and State Lands, Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation and volunteers. The removed items range from micro trash to large tires and dumped furniture. Working together builds relationships and benefits the river corridor.

National Public Lands Day Trip



Vegetation and trash removal in Westwater Canyon

Amount Expended: \$25,000.00

Westwater Canyon is a crown jewel of the BLM. One of the five National Public Lands Day events hosted by the Moab Field Office was in the canyon with volunteers from Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. An overnight trip allowed the group time to work in the canyon removing non-native vegetation in the designated campsites. They also dug out tires and trash that was hauled down the river through class 3 rapids on rafts and out of the canyon. The volunteer assistance helps the rangers to remove items that are brought to the canyon through the annual high water.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$184,917.12
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$151,499.57
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$336,416.69
Carryover from Prior Years	\$255,094.74
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$591,511.43

FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$66,805.00
Visitor Services	\$115,904.00
Law Enforcement	\$71,734.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$20,965.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$275,408.00
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$316,103.43



Other Accomplishments

- Partnered with the Fire and Fuels Program to complete non-native vegetation removal trip. Installed new look steel kiosks at boat ramps and campgrounds along the Colorado River. Completed patrols and Wilderness Study Area monitoring along the rivers.
- Hosted and trained two interns from Student Conservation Association. Removed sediment deposited from high water from 8 boat ramps. Continued work on the informational video project. Completed boater check-ins.
- Coordinated with authors of maps, guidebooks to ensure accurate information. Participated in annual Utah Guide and Outfitter meeting. Coordination with Grand Junction to host site visits from the Mongolian delegation.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Sediment will be removed from boat ramps.

*Toilet and amenities replacement at Fish Ford Campground: \$60,000. *Accessibility improvements to Westwater Campground, updating the public drinking water system: \$156,000. *Complete prospectus for available commercial permits on the Dolores River: \$20,000. *Update Business Plan: \$50,000. *Non-native plant removal trips: \$50,000. *Conduct a float trip with OARS and Multicultural Center: \$5,000. *Complete patrols and WSA monitoring: \$12,000. *Ensure boat ramps, toilets and dumpsters are maintained and serviced: \$150,000. *Improve communications, complete maintenance at the Westwater Ranger Station: \$40,000. *Annual clean up and NPLD trips: \$10,000. *Host a seasonal and an intern: \$65,000.

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$55,000.00
Visitor Services	\$150,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$60,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$30,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$16,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$311,000.00
Total Projected funds for FY25 *	\$651,103.43
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$340,103.43

*FY25 Projected revenue \$335,000

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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.

