



RECREATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT 2014

2013 COLLECTIONS: \$41,556 **2012 CARRYOVER: \$13,117** **TOTAL: \$54,673**
 (May 24 - Sept. 30)

2014 PLANNED PROJECTS AND EXPENDITURES

The 2012 carryover funds and those funds collected in 2013 will be expended in fiscal year 2014. Each agency and county involved in the South Fork Recreation Enhancement Project had an opportunity to propose projects that they would like to have funded for 2014. The South Fork Interagency Working Group selected priority projects suggested from each entity.

Interagency Maintenance Position and Supporting Vehicle		
Four month position provides maintenance along entire river corridor		\$15,000.00
Maintenance Supplies		
Vault toilet cleaning supplies and maintenance equipment		\$ 2,000.00
Administrative Costs		
One work month for River Technician, printing season passes, and supplies		\$ 8,300.00
Vault Toilet Pumping and Dumpster Contracts		
All sites		\$ 8,000.00
Mike Walker		
Lights for restroom facilities		\$ 7,820.00
Ramp Extension		\$ 700.00
Twin Bridges		
Window repairs to vault toilets		\$ 200.00
Palisades Creek		
Seed money for asphalt parking lot		\$ 3,176.50
Spring Creek		
Seed money for parking lot repairs		\$ 3,176.50
Improved Signage for Multiple Sites		
Signage for parking and information		\$ 300.00
Fee Tubes Replacement		
Update 6 fee tubes		\$ 6,000.00

Total expenditures for 2014 projects = **\$54,673.00**

THE SOUTH FORK FEE PROGRAM

If you use the facilities or park in any of the ten fee sites, you are required to purchase a daily pass or display a season pass. The daily fee is \$3.00 per vehicle per day and is accepted at all ten sites. Two season pass options are available, one (1) pass for \$30.00 or two (2) passes for \$45.00. Season passes are currently on sale at the Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center, Palisades Ranger District, BLM Upper Snake Field Office, and will be on sale at Byington and Conant boat ramps mid-May.

SUMMARY

As a reminder, regulation changes for the South Fork (Palisades Dam to Mike Walker) and Henry's Fork (St. Anthony to the confluence) include:

- All boaters (**day and overnight**) must carry a portable toilet or waste

disposal devise (e.g., WAG Bag ®, Restop ®).

- All campsites have been designated between Conant Boat Access to Byington Boat Access on the South Fork. Camping in this area may only take place at designated camp sites.
- All campers must complete a camping permit and have one copy in possession with them throughout the river trip.
- Campfires or cooking fires must be contained in an elevated fire pan. All fire remains must be carried out of the river corridor.

Recreation technicians and law enforcement will continue to monitor designated camping areas. Human waste is still a problem and law enforcement agents will ticket all parties not in compliance with the rules and regulations. WAG Bags ® can be purchased from Conant and Byington hosts, River Technicians, and the Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center for \$2.00 a piece.

When considering all people who paid the facility parking fee, those that were issued warnings, and those that chose to pay the warnings; the compliance rate is a high 93%. If you are issued a warning, please comply with this program and pay the facility and parking fee. Your cooperation is appreciated!

There is still illegal guiding on the South Fork. The permitted outfitters are World Cast Anglers, Natural Retreats South Fork, Henry's Fork Anglers, Heise Expeditions, Teton Valley Lodge, The Lodge at Palisades Creek, and Three Rivers Ranch. These outfitters must display their company logo on the front of their boats and their guides must display assigned numbers issued by the BLM and USFS. If you suspect illegal guiding, obtain as much identifying information as possible and contact the BLM at (208) 524-7500. The BLM, U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Outfitter and Guide Licensing Board, and Idaho Department of Fish and Game have teamed up to address illegal guiding. If you are approached, please cooperate and be patient with law enforcement.

Last year, BLM and Madison county experienced a spree of vandalism in which agency infrastructure along the South Fork was targeted. During this time, various other agencies in the local area also experience property loss as a result of similar vandalism. Consequently, a multi-agency investigation was initiated and a suspect was identified. Due to the nature of the case and the evidence gathered, the investigation is protracted and continues to this day. BLM reminds the public that facilities along the South Fork are for public use and enjoyment and are funded through the fee program and various local, state, and federal agencies.

Construction on the new Lorenzo Boat Access began in 2013. The new Lorenzo Boat Access is located approximately 1/2 mile downstream of the original location on the South Fork. The first phase of construction has been completed and the remaining construction will begin this spring to complete road access and parking facilities. The current Lorenzo Boat Access will remain open this summer while the new access is under construction. However, please use caution when using the current Lorenzo Boat Access, due to the loss of the lower portion of the ramp. Please contact BLM with further questions at (208) 524-7500.

PROJECTS OVERVIEW

Repairs to boats ramps due to vandalism the previous year have been completed.

Mike Walker Boat Ramp has been repaired and continued construction to lengthen the ramp should be finished this year.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS...

The county, state, and federal agencies are responsible for the fee program and are devoted to developing a system that works for the boaters and visitors along the South Fork. If you see any vandalism or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Monica Zimmerman at (208) 524-7500 or e-mail her at mzimmerman@blm.gov. You may also call a local county commissioner in Bonneville, Jefferson, and Madison counties for information, questions, or concerns regarding the program.