



ALASKA

Arctic District Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Guided Hunting Use



Camp site in the NPR-A

The Arctic District Office (RDO) issues authorizations to permitted guides for Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) that offer hunting opportunities to small groups for species such as caribou, moose, and grizzly bear. Often these groups will operate out of spike camps for the length of their guided hunt, which is typically a week or less.

Guided Tour Use



Boat ready to go in the NPR-A

Hunting isn't the only reason people visit lands managed by RDO. The RDO also processes SRP authorizations for guided rafting, hiking, and wildlife viewing tours. These trips often require overnight camping at multiple locations along the route, typically for no more than two nights at each spot.

Recreation Fee Dollars

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.

They support and enhance:

- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation Direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



Other Accomplishments

The RDO issues authorizations for SRPs operating in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A), the Central Arctic Management Area Wilderness Study Area, and other BLM managed lands in RDO. These areas are remote and access into the area is generally by aircraft or boat. The RDO monitors the SRP camp locations to ensure that guides are following all permit requirements. Due to the remote nature of the sites and the logistics required to conduct inspections, RDO staff inspect sites to the extent possible, typically in the fall.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$12,590.98
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$12,590.98

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$0.00



Planned Activities



Bank of Colville River at Umiat

RDO would like to install a covered area for boaters to use when taking out on BLM-managed land along the Colville River at Umiat, which would directly benefit recreation users in the area.

For fiscal year (FY) 2022, RDO does not propose to spend recreation fee funds and will put them toward the cost of implementing this project in the future. Site selection for the project and required environmental analysis would be conducted before installation.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$0.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$27,982.07
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$12,000.00

Connecting with Communities

RDO works with communities and guides to promote open communication. Doing so helps the guides avoid Native allotments (private land conveyed to eligible individuals under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act), culturally important sites, and other known use areas to prevent user conflict. Guides are encouraged to donate any surplus meat from hunting trips to local communities.

