



ARIZONA Safford Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Fourmile Canyon Campground



New vault toilets at Fourmile Canyon Campground

Fourmile Canyon Campground is located among large mesquite trees and desert grasses. The campground is open year-round and includes ten campsites with tables, vault toilets, information kiosks, and trash service. Fees generated at the campground were used to fund routine cleaning, pump-outs of vault toilet facilities, and install a new vault toilet for the public. Amount Expended: \$5,000

Flying "W" Group Site



Flying "W" Group Site repaired roof

The Flying "W" is a reservable group site with a large shade pavilion, six picnic tables, four grills, two vault toilets, and two horseshoe pits. It is located along the Gila River within the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area. A wind event blew off part of the shade pavilion's steel roof. Fee revenue was used to repair and reinforce the roof and provide routine cleaning and pump-outs of the vault toilet facilities. Amount Expended: \$1,800

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

- Purchased campground supplies such as trash bags, hand sanitizer, safety equipment, signs, and toilet paper
- Funded campground hosts, tools, materials, and supplies to help ensure fee compliance from visitors, provide interpretive information, and assist in the overall operations and maintenance of the site
- Continued annual maintenance site support
- Processed all-new Special Recreation Permit (SRP) applications and expiring permit renewals

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY20 End of Year Carryover	\$105,525.58
FY21 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$16,256.64
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$13,051.44
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$80,769.00
Interagency Passes	\$440.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$110,517.08

FY21 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$9,910.41
Visitor Services	\$7,500.17
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$987.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$18,397.58



Planned Activities



Turkey Creek

- The Safford Field Office will maintain developed and dispersed recreation sites and provide visitor information.
- Fund three sets of seasonal campground hosts.
- Design, develop, and install route markers & informational signs.
- Continue support for the fee sites, including the purchase of replacement vault toilet doors, building supplies, restroom toiletries, and needed tools to complete site repairs.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$40,000.00
Visitor Services	\$50,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$15,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$110,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$100,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Safford Field Office (SFO) facilitates meaningful connections with visitors to BLM-managed lands by utilizing recreation fee revenue. FO collects fees under the FLREA to help keep infrastructure and visitor services programs up-to-date and relevant, promoting responsible recreation, shared stewardship, and a positive image of the agency. Fees generated through the SRP program enhance the SFO's ability to process commercial permits in a timely manner. Specifically, visitors benefit from clean trailhead and restroom facilities and up-to-date transportation system kiosks and signs. Local youth benefit from instruction and job-related experience conducting patrols, performing habitat restoration, providing visitor information, and repairing infrastructure. These efforts support many of the goals identified in the BLM National Recreation Strategy: Connecting with Communities.

