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Arcata Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Samoa Dunes Recreation Area



Multi-Use Recreation on Samoa Dunes

The Samoa Dunes Recreation Area is frequented by residents of Arcata and Eureka, providing multi-use beach access west of the Humboldt Bay on the north spit. The 300-acre park offers various recreational activities, including hiking, surfing, fishing, sightseeing, beachcombing, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, picnicking, and birdwatching. Collection fees (\$7549.92) generated by interagency passes and SRP fees make it possible to provide vault toilet facilities to the public.

Ma-le'l Dunes



Ma-le'l Coastal Dunes

The Ma-le'l Dunes is cooperatively managed by the BLM and the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge and offers a diverse and dynamic coastal landscape of forests and salt marshes, sand dunes, and beaches. The 206-acre area supports a surviving remnant of native plants and wetlands, providing visitors with a unique and remarkably undisturbed coastal experience. Collection fees (\$7549.92) generated by interagency passes and SRP fees make it possible to provide vault toilet facilities to the public.

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

In January of FY 2021, the Secretary of the Interior, David L. Bernhardt, honored the natural beauty and ecological value of the Mal-le'l Dunes by designating them as National Natural Landmarks by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The National Natural Landmarks Program, managed by the National Park Service, recognizes sites that have "outstanding biological and geological resources" while encouraging their conservation. The undulating sand mounds, woody swales, and verdant wetlands of Mal-le'l Dunes are home to a remarkably diverse array of Native flora.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$45.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$3,104.92
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$4,400.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$7,549.92

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,000.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$6,000.00



Planned Activities



OHVs at Rock Crawling at Samoa Dunes

In FY 2022/2023, in collaboration with local community groups and businesses, the OHV rock crawl site at Samoa Dunes will be enhanced by adding new boulder features to challenge further and engage the skills of OHV users. New bathroom facilities (vault toilet) will be constructed near the jetty to accommodate the high visitation in this multi-use area. Visitors in the area will benefit from the new infrastructure by surfing, fishing, beachcombing, birding, and using OHVs. Estimated collections in FY2022 are \$6,000 and will continue to cover the cost of routine and annual maintenance of vault toilets.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,000.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$6,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$1,549.92
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$7,549.92

Connecting with Communities

BLM Arcata Field Office will support the California Coastal Conservancy's efforts to provide low-cost coastal opportunities for families by collaborating with the City of Eureka's new annual outdoor recreation festival. The festival will be a free, community event focused on promoting access to the outdoors, Eureka's coastal waterfront, and public lands, including Ma-le'l and Samoa Dunes, which are within a 5-10 minute drive from downtown. The festival will be open to community members and visitors alike. The whole program is designed to build community, increase the economic impact of visitation during an important shoulder season, boost the local economy, encourage stewardship of Humboldt County's natural coastal assets, and expose more people to the benefits of outdoor recreation. The Arcata Field Office recognizes and values partnerships with local and state jurisdictions that bring positive attention and visitation to our beautiful coastal public lands through outdoor recreation opportunities.

