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Barstow Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Places for the Races



District 37 AMA Sanctioned Event

Barstow has five congressionally designated OHV Recreation Areas. Permitting involves processing, monitoring, and law enforcement patrols to ensure races are safe and fun. Permitted events include truck, car, buggy sand-drags, timed land speed, UTV, ATVs, and motorcycle races from AMA Nationals to technical trials. The field office also hosts the toughest race in the country, King of the Hammers, permit tours, product testing, and filming.

Dumont



Dumont Comp Hill

Barstow manages the bustling Dumont Dunes OHV area. Facilities we manage are the ranger station shared with medical and law enforcement personnel and a secure helicopter landing pad. Busy holiday weekends will have 25K visitors. Vendor row is always a busy place, and so are "comp" and "banshee" hills. Provided are 16 vault toilets scattered on the "flats" and "little dunes" and EMS support on significant holiday weekends.

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

- Competitive event permit administration
- 120 vendors managed during King of the Hammers.
- Annually Authorized 12-15 motorized race events.
- Permit compliance monitoring
- Fifty medical search and rescues from the dunes.
- 5-mile entrance road graded and watered for dust control.
- Maintenance and repairs to the specialized "Rescue Rail."
- Grading, delineating, and watering "Vendors' Row."
- Motorized equipment repairs and rentals.
- Emergency radio communications equipment.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$12,471.77
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$92,446.85
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$1,127,062.90
Interagency Passes	\$560.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$1,232,541.52

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$103,418.54
Visitor Services	\$226,023.99
Law Enforcement	\$300,117.32
Habitat Restoration	\$5,320.84
Collections/Overhead	\$1,560.94
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$636,441.63



Planned Activities



Everyone races at BAFO

- Finish long-term contract for El Mirage Visitor Center's interpretive display (\$250,000).
- Dumont dunes entrance and ranger station re-surfacing improvement (\$52,000).
- Maintain 40 vault toilets in OHV areas with collaborative funding from State OHV grants (\$102,000).
- Administer the nation's most extensive motorized competitive event program (\$72,000).

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$285,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$325,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$53,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$663,500.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$0.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$0.00

Connecting with Communities

The Barstow Field Office collaborates with multiple organizations to enhance and promote recreation benefits afforded to all communities and visitors. Partnerships include the Friends of El Mirage and Main Street Murals, both organizations directly employ from the immediate area, promoting disadvantaged people from Adelanto and Barstow. Their work assists with our visitor services programs and facilities maintenance. Two other groups that engage our communities are the Friends of Dumont Dunes and Clean-Desert.org. They are both grassroots local organizations that share their resources to help us provide clean and environmentally healthy recreation areas. We have a long-standing partnership with the CA OHV grant division to stretch our fee and appropriated dollars. The grants provide us with needed additional funding that helps us continue building and improving our sustainable world-class recreation opportunities.

Finally, our engagement and influence extend far beyond the Field Office boundaries to the many communities involved with racing and OHV recreation. Events such as the two weeklong "King of the Hammers" festival create a much-needed stream of economic benefits to the small desert communities of Lucerne and Landers. They enjoy a migration of 50,000 visitors passing through and spending at the local businesses. Participants and spectators come from the many large urban areas of Los Angeles and Las Vegas, and we also draw international competitors with several race teams based in Encinitas, Mexico.

