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## Cottonwood Field Office

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

#### Boat Ramp Improvements



Slate Creek Boat Ramp Under Construction

The Cottonwood Field Office manages multiple recreation sites along the Lower Salmon River. Many of these sites have boat ramps. In FY 21, the office used 1232 funds to leverage \$413,000 of 1653 funding for three boat ramp improvement contracts at Lucile, Shorts Ba,r and Hammer Creek Recreation Sites. \$39,999.97of 1232 funds was used to leverage \$187,074.88 of 1653 funding for the Pine Bar Recreation Site Asphalt Road Improvement project.

#### Improving Clearwater River Sites



Clearwater River Explorer Badge

The Cottonwood Field Office manages recreation sites along the Clearwater River. Funding was used for labor costs for permanent full-time and seasonal Park Rangers who perform maintenance at recreation sites. They had hazardous trees removed, trees trimmed at Pink House and Harpers Bend Recreation Sites, purchased two interpretive panels highlighting the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail at McKay's Bend Recreation Site and purchased Junior Ranger Badges for the Discover the Clearwater River Activity Book.

### 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:

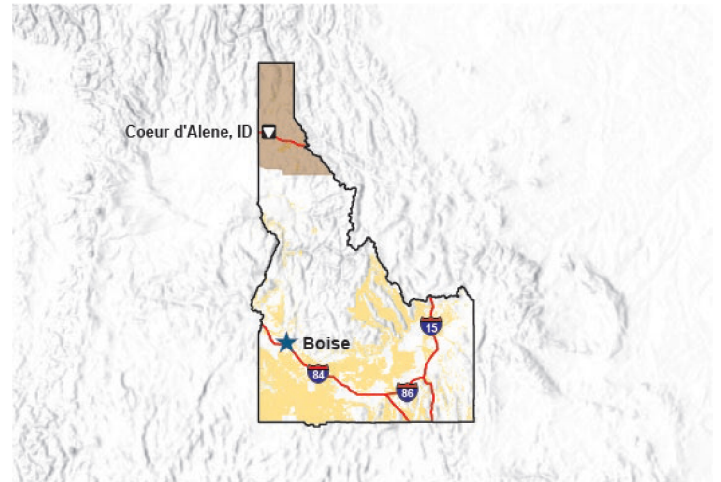
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited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



## Other Accomplishments

Funding was used for seasonal and permanent labor for park rangers/river rangers, for the Lower Salmon River recreation site cleaning/maintenance contract, and purchase of 10 new picnic tables. \$3952.00 was used for per diem for river patrol/SRP compliance checks. \$5228.74 was used for Volunteer Camp Host stipend and propane. The balance of funds was used for annual maintenance of recreation sites such as supplies, materials, signs, rental toilets, vault toilet pumping, paint, repairs and recreation repairs of equipment and replacement of gear for the recreation program.

## Vicinity Map



## Contacts

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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$90,732.81
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$83,015.44
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$860.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$174,608.25</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$224,523.58
Visitor Services	\$49,515.72
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration/Resource Protection	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$274,078.30</b>



### Planned Activities



*Hazard Tree Removal*

- Install campfire rings at dispersed recreation sites
- Convert three 30-amp service RV sites at Pink House Recreation Site to 50-amp service to accommodate larger RVs
- Install steps at tent site pads at Pink House Recreation Site
- Chip seal/seal coat Pink House and McKay's Bend Recreation Sites
- Replace a well, water lines, and sprinklers at Slate Creek Recreation Site
- Purchase new picnic tables and fire rings for Lower Salmon recreation sites
- Pay for volunteer campground host stipend and supplies for Hammer Creek

### FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$198,540.00
Visitor Services	\$94,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$12,000.00
Habitat Restoration/Resource Protection	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$304,540.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$360,515.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$178,000.00

### Connecting with Communities

The Cottonwood Field Office actively works to connect communities, as well as recreation tourists, to their public lands. This office manages waters that support salmon and steelhead fish species, attracting thousands of people to BLM-managed river access points and boat ramps throughout the year. BLM must coordinate with the tribes, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, as well as local outfitters and business to ensure resources are protected while balancing economic benefits for those local communities. These rivers also support exceptional multi-day whitewater rafting opportunities/benefits for the recreating public, again bringing economic benefits to the local communities and businesses. An example of a partnership that collaborates and also benefits the communities is the Clearwater River Management Council. BLM is a partner in this council, along with other county, state, tribal, and federal agencies; with the goal of educating the public about the river, its fisheries, and history. This council activity monitors and manages the economic, environmental, social, and recreational impacts of salmon and steelhead fishing in the Clearwater Basin.

