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Pompeys Pillar National Monument

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

New Carpet for Interpretive Center



New carpet in the gift store, PPNM Interpretive center

New carpeting for the interpretive center at PPNM was partially funded through fees collected in FY17 (\$7,300). Funding was obligated in FY 21, and the project finished in January 2022. This project maintains the high quality expected of BLM interpretive centers. It aligns with BLM Recreation Strategies: Connecting with Communities Strategic Focus -- Capitalize On and Protect the BLM's "Backyard to Backcountry" Recreation Brand -- by maintaining and improving facilities at a top-priority site.

Expanded Trail System



The trail next to Yellowstone River, PPNM

One mile of new trails was built at PPNM in FY 21. \$3,540.42 (16X) was used to fund seasonal labor (three park rangers) to complete trail clearing, trail post-installation, and trail bench placement on the new trail system. This project expanded the trail system utilized by visitors to the National Monument and Area of Critical Environmental Concern. It also maintains the desired environmental outcomes and improves visitors' quality of experience while retaining the distinctive natural landscape features for which the site was designated.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected is 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

- New lighting: in the Interpretive Center, including the Gifts Store, Administrative Area and Restrooms, the Maintenance Buildings, and the Fee Station.
- Completed March-May 2021. This replaced all of the Gift Store with brand new LED light fixtures and replaced fluorescent fixtures in the restroom, maintenance buildings, and the fee station.

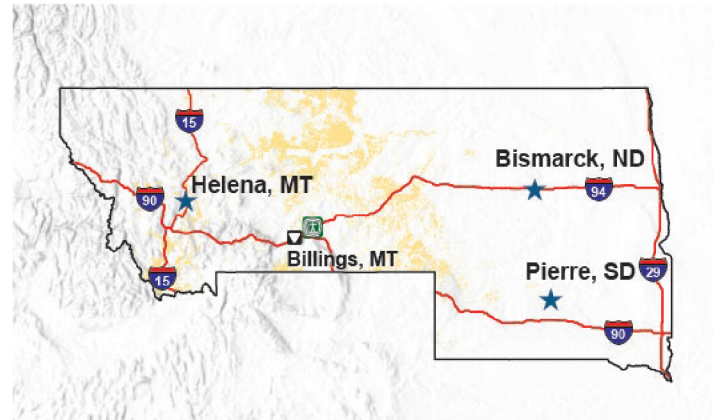
One of the main reasons was improving the lighting and improving energy efficiency.

Funding breakdown:

\$8070.85 16X (Interpretive Center Gift Shop and Administrative Area)

\$1153.90 16X (Maintenance Buildings, Fee Station)

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$27,060.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$18,697.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$45,757.00

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$9,224.75
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$3,540.42
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$12,765.17



Planned Activities



The flag pole at the entrance to PPNM

Flagpole and gate post painting (front entrance) PPNM will be completed in 2022 (spring/summer). 120'-foot flagpole, at one time, it was the highest in the State of Montana. The steel flagpole was installed in 2008 and experienced some weathering and wear and tear. Work will include prepping and painting the flagpole, various gate posts, and a vehicle barrier. It will also include installing a new cable and truck (top pulley) on the flagpole. Funding breakdown:
 \$10,076.82 16X
 \$ 4388.18 17X
 \$14,465.00 Total

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$14,465.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$14,465.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$0.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$0.00

Connecting with Communities

Pompeys Pillar National Monument collaborates with local and regional organizations to benefit local communities and visitors. Strong partnership with Pompeys Pillar Historical Association since 1991 to protect and preserve cultural and historical resources significant to both Pompeys Pillar and local communities of the Yellowstone River Valley. Pompeys Pillar Historical Association, doing business as the Friends of Pompeys Pillar, enhances public recreation and education opportunities utilizing volunteerism (Internal Strategies, Goal 4, Strategic Focus 1: Use All Funding Sources Available to Maintain Priority Sites and Services). The organization also awards transportation grants to local and regional schools, making it possible to afford bussing costs for field trips to Pompeys Pillar.

Pompeys Pillar also works closely with the State of Montana Office of Tourism, City of Billings, and Visit Southeast Montana to promote visitation to Pompeys Pillar National Monument and local communities and businesses. Goal 1. Support Community Service Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Lands Users. Strategic Focus 1: Proactively Engage with Communities--facilitate more community engagement by creating and maintaining partnerships and agreements with regional and national service providers.

