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Stillwater Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Sand Mountain Solar



Recently installed Solar/WIFI at Sand Mountain

The Sand Mountain Recreation Area, Solar Power Project, provided power to run satellite internet and exterior lights to the entrance station. This allows the BLM to provide public Wi-Fi to users to access Recreation.gov for pass sales and safety information and provide lighting for users arriving after dark. The project cost \$15,000 and was paid for with funds from recreation fee revenue.

SRP Accomplishments



OHV Event

Stillwater Field Office Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) include OHV races, OHV poker runs, horse endurance events, vending at Sand Mountain, and Outfitters and Guides. SRPs vary from year to year as they are proponent driven in nature. 2022 will see an increase in applications and permits issued.

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

National Public Lands Day (NPLD): Re-construction and re-dedication of the Black Knights Helicopter Monument in partnership with the Navy and the Clampers (a local club). The location of the monument is near Sand Mountain Recreation Area.

Note: This is a representative list of projects, not a comprehensive list. Other projects were completed using fee funds.

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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$25,521.32
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$13,045.66
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$262,317.56
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$300,884.54

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$136,012.32
Visitor Services	\$27,186.04
Law Enforcement	\$90,680.47
Habitat Restoration	\$22,963.00
Collections/Overhead	\$40,188.90
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$317,030.73



Planned Activities



NPLD Black Knight Monument re-dedication 2021

Stillwater Field Office will be looking at the following long-range projects for 2022:

- Sand Mountain road paving
- Sand Mountain helicopter pad concrete addition
- Sand Mountain camping area road improvement
- Sand Mountain flag pole and windsock installation
- Walker Lake Campground host assessment of viability
- Walker Lake safety assessment
- Walker Lake facilities refurbishment
- Walker Lake Rec.gov conversion for fee collection
- Grimes Point Trail Work

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$140,000.00
Visitor Services	\$30,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$95,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$25,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$45,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$335,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$347,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$301,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Stillwater Field Office Recreation Program will continue to work with local, county, state, and federal partners in current and future projects. The most recent example was the 2021 National Public Lands Day (NPLD) event. This involved coordination for the restoration of the black Knights monument located near Sand Mountain. Partners on this project included but were not limited to: the United States Navy, E Clampus Vitus "the Clampers" Copper Queen 1915 Outpost of Julia C. Bulette 1864 E Clampus Vitus, (a local historical society), and visitors to Sand Mountain Recreation Area. Sand Mountain hosted a NPLD clean up as well.

Stillwater Field Office has seen continued growth from both close to home communities and destination communities. All forms of recreation have increased including motorized and non-motorized recreation. This continued trend of increased recreation has continued since the 1980's. Smaller communities such as Fallon and Hawthorne have reported steady economic stimulus based around Special Recreation Permit (SRP) events. SRP examples include VORRA Fallon, Legacy races, Vegas to Reno and VORRA Hawthorne. These communities have also reported economic stimulus around designated recreation areas such as Sand Mountain and Walker Lake. SRP partnerships also include vending permits at Sand Mountain and Outfitters and Guides for the Stillwater Field Office, Carson City District, and the State Office of Nevada BLM.

