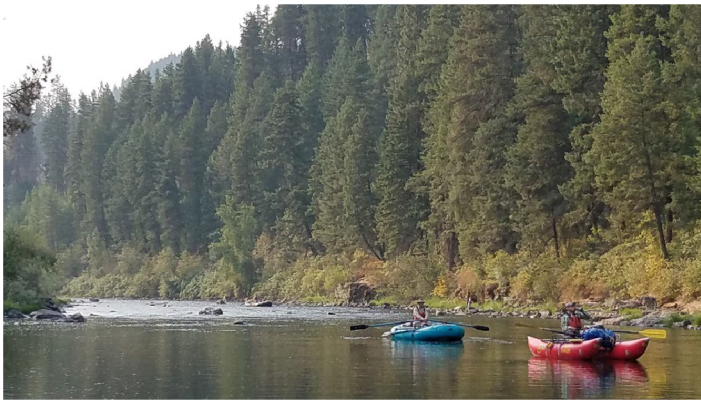




OREGON/WASHINGTON Baker Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

RIVER STEWARDS



BLM RIVER RANGER ON PATROL

In Fiscal Year 2021, the Baker Field Office utilized \$13,783.30 in recreation fees to facilitate river patrols on the Wallowa and Grande Ronde Rivers. In 2021, the area was partially closed due to a wildfire, and extra patrols were necessary to assess the damage. The field office also completed a deferred maintenance project at the Mud Creek takeout, installed a new kiosk, painted the restroom, and graveled and graded the parking area.

BOAT RAMP & BOARDING DOCK



BOAT RAMP MAINTENANCE

In Fiscal Year 2021, the Baker Field Office used recreation fees to support upgrades to the boat launch and install a new boarding dock at the Spring Recreation Site on the Snake River. Throughout 2020 and 2021, recreation fees supported the labor to facilitate the planning and clearances necessary to complete the project. The field office also received a grant from the Oregon State Marine Board to replace the boarding dock.

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

The Baker Field Office has focused on water-based recreation sites within Hells Canyon and the Wallowa & Grande Ronde River corridors. We worked with the Vale Force Account to plan and execute deferred maintenance projects. Projects along 58 miles of the Snake River Reservoirs will be complete in the Fiscal Year 2022. In 2021, the Elbow Creek Fire forced the closure of the Wallowa and Grande Ronde Rivers for safety. Under low flows, our river rangers accomplished patrols to identify and mitigate hazards such as snags and stringers within the burned area.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$6,513.28
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$13,038.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$2,060.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$21,611.28

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$3,721.66
Visitor Services	\$17,001.07
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,174.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$21,896.73



Planned Activities



Stringer Hazard at River Mile 58 in 500 CFS Flows

In Fiscal Year 2022, deferred maintenance projects will be completed along the Snake River corridor. Two more toilet replacements are planned at the Bob Creek and Oasis recreation sites. Upon completion of these projects, future planning emphasis will be along the Wallowa & Grande Ronde River corridor. Increased patrols are planned along this Wild and Scenic River to identify hazards and coordinate Emergency Stabilization and Recovery projects.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$2,000.00
Visitor Services	\$7,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$9,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$57,002.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$22,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The BLM Recreation Strategy to Connect with the Local Communities drives our efforts to improve the first impression of a visitor. As we wrap up our projects along the Snake River Reservoirs, our efforts are working. The boat launch improvement projects at Spring Recreation Campground were well received by the local community, and the boarding dock was installed just in time for the Annual Catfish Derby in Huntington. We partnered with the Oregon State Marine Board to leverage funding that helped fabricate the floating boarding dock. We received a note from our partners at Idaho Power that stated they had not seen such effort and improvements to the campground along the Snake River in over 20 years. Numerous phone calls and visitor comments also reinforced our efforts to connect the local communities to the recreation resources in the BLM Baker Field Office.

