



# OREGON/WASHINGTON

## Deschutes Field Office – Deschutes W&S River

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

#### Site ID & Kiosk Enhancements



*River Ranger Float*

Sixty-four new site identification signs were installed throughout the river corridor. All kiosks in BLM-managed recreation sites were updated to provide a welcoming look that showcases important regulations and interpretive messaging about the river and other recreation sites.

#### Emergency Service Contract



*Boat-in composting toilet that was repaired*

During the peak of the 2021 river season, it was discovered that five composting toilets at boat-in campsites had failing parts. This resulted in units being over capacity and required a temporary closure. The BLM quickly addressed this visitor health matter and successfully initiated an emergency service contract to address the issues and remove the compost material. The composting toilets were reopened following the repair.

#### 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:

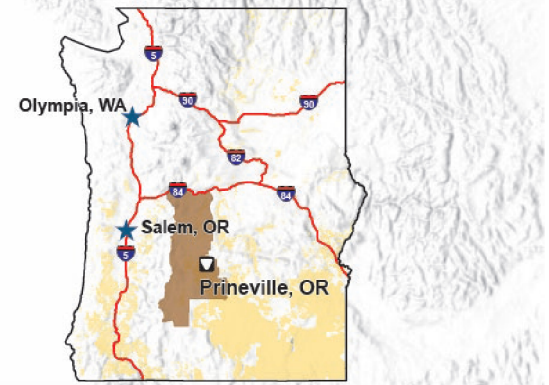
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited 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

- Eleven picnic tables and 24 universally accessible fire rings were purchased for BLM sites.
- Phase 2 of the toilet replacement project was completed by upgrading a few facilities in Segment 2.
- Some fees collected were used to supplement Great American Outdoors Act dollars and other sources of funding to upgrade housing and worksite facilities used by local operational staff. This allowed for a continued presence of staff.
- A new drift boat was purchased for the river program replacing a nearly 40-year-old vessel.
- The Recreation Operations team regularly completed site maintenance at each of our recreation sites throughout the season to provide for the health and safety of the public.

## Vicinity Map



## Contacts

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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$105,156.80
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$108,141.99
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$261,168.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$474,466.79</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$621,339.24
Visitor Services	\$255,690.23
Law Enforcement	\$16,845.48
Habitat Restoration	\$176,541.86
Collections/Overhead	\$115,875.84
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$1,186,292.65</b>



## Planned Activities



*BLM jetboat being launched on Lower Deschutes*

- Seasonal staff will be hired to monitor recreation sites and facilities along the Wild & Scenic River corridor. Seasonal staff will ensure compliance of the boater pass system, perform annual maintenance needs, and protect the health and safety of the public.
- A new SCAT machine will be purchased and installed at Maupin City Park.
- Twenty universally accessible fire rings will be installed at all campsites in Macks Canyon.
- 11 new concrete picnic tables will be placed at Oasis Campground

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$380,000.00
Visitor Services	\$260,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$20,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$180,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$115,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$955,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$510,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$475,000.00

## Connecting with Communities

The BLM collaboratively manages the Lower Deschutes Wild & Scenic River with several government agencies, including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon State Marine Board, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon State Police, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and local governments. The managing agencies meet at least quarterly to make decisions and discuss relevant issues, and all of these meetings are open to the public. In addition, there are many stakeholders, including local landowners, guides and outfitters, various non-governmental organizations, and many users.

