



OREGON/WASHINGTON Klamath Falls Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Gerber Campfire Ring Replacements



Freshly installed new campfire ring

Campfire grates at the South Gerber Campground were old and out of date. With help from many BLM employees, all campfire grates were replaced in a single day. The Klamath Falls Field Office used Deferred Maintenance funds to purchase the new campfire rings, and its recreation fee revenues funded some of the labor for the staff to replace them. Campground guests now have campfire rings with adjustable grates, which are more suitable for cooking and improved from a fire safety perspective.

Fixing Frost Free Taps at Topsy



Frost-free hydrant at Topsy Campground

The Klamath Falls Field Office has a fair amount of aging infrastructure at its fee sites, and sometimes things need to be repaired or replaced ahead of the deferred maintenance cycle. The BLM utilized a combination of recreation fee revenues and deferred maintenance funding to support the labor costs and purchases needed to replace broken and leaking spigots at the Topsy Campground.

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

- Routine annual maintenance at developed recreation sites throughout the Klamath Falls Field Office.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$12,097.98
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$25,693.89
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$3,480.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$41,271.87

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$5,737.84
Visitor Services	\$16,762.13
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$2,241.33
Collections/Overhead	\$75.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$24,816.30



Planned Activities



Topsy Campground

Planned expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2022 are similar to Fiscal Year 2021, and maintenance and repairs/replacements will be completed as issues arrive.

Longer-term, the BLM is anticipating the need to invest recreation fee revenues to make the necessary improvements to both the Topsy Campground and Spring Island Day-Use Area after the Klamath River dams are removed in 2024. After the dams are removed, these facilities will require significant updates to remain relevant without the reservoir and changes to the river flow regime.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$5,500.00
Visitor Services	\$17,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$2,200.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$23,700.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$78,943.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$42,000.00

Connecting with Communities

With increasing summertime high temperatures, the Klamath Falls Field Office sees increased visitation at campgrounds that are free and locations requiring a fee. The campgrounds are generally 5-10 degrees cooler than the surrounding lowlands, and visitors are increasingly coming to escape the heat in the nearby local communities. Some of the campground infrastructures are aging and require updating and replacement. The Klamath Falls Field Office has also had an increasing interest in volunteering to assist with these projects over the last few years. The field office capitalizes on this interest by holding more volunteer events and encouraging them to bring friends to help with various projects. The BLM will continue recruiting new volunteers and collaborating with local, county, state, and federal partners to increase volunteerism supporting the field office recreation program.

