



# UTAH Cedar City Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Beaver Bench Trail System



Mountain Biker on Sundance Skid Trail

The Beaver Bench Trail System was started in 2019 with a master plan that includes 12 miles of trail with a large variety of difficulty and styles. In FY21, \$40,000 recreation fee revenue was utilized to add three miles of trail to the system in partnership with the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant. The new trails added to the system provided a longer, easier uphill trail leading back to the Sage Advice trail and provided more downhill flow style trails to the system.

### Pyramid Ridge Campground



Site 8 in Pyramid Ridge Campground

Pyramid Ridge Campground was constructed in FY21 and is an entirely new site. The campground was built to respond to the dispersed camping adjacent to the trailhead. The campground provides access to 30 miles of non-motorized trails and has 14 total sites developed in phase one, with another 15 sites identified in phase two. The site cost approximately \$200,000 and was partially funded by recreation fee revenue.

## 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, including direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



## Other Accomplishments

- Completed the Mega Watt and Electric Avenue trails in Parowan Canyon with a total length of 3 miles. These are the first trails in the Evil Water Trails area.
- Completed the Lava Link Trail in the Iron Hills Trail System (2.1 miles).
- Designed the Breaks Trail (4 miles) within the Iron Hills Trail System and should be starting the construction in spring 2023.
- Completed the construction of the Southview Skills Track within the Iron Hills Trail System
- Each year, a cleaning contractor is hired to maintain each developed site's restrooms and surrounding facilities. Some of the sites are cleaned weekly, such as the Parowan Gap Petroglyphs, and others receive cleaning monthly. The annual cost of this contract is \$20,000.

## Vicinity Map



## Contacts

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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$10,675.06
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$171,578.65
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$6,100.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$188,353.71</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$183,560.97
Visitor Services	\$9,863.85
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$10,316.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$203,740.82</b>



## Planned Activities



*Riding the wall at the Southview Skills Track*

- \$40,000 will be expended to support staff time. Staff time will be spent maintaining recreation sites, collecting fees, assisting with construction on new sites, and monitoring SRPs.
- \$80,000 is anticipated to be used to develop new trails in Beaver and Iron County via financial assistance agreements with the International Mountain Bicycling Association Trail Solutions and conservation corps. with the support of local volunteers.
- \$20,000 will be utilized to construct the Enoch Bench Trailhead.
- \$20,000 will be used to pay for the yearly recreation site cleaning contract.

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$65,000.00
Visitor Services	\$60,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$15,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$15,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$160,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$54,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$160,000.00

## Connecting with Communities

The Cedar City Field Office collaborates with the communities that border public land in Iron and Beaver Counties. One of our main focuses has been to provide a trail network adjacent to communities interested in this type of connection with their public lands. In 2022 we will focus on providing a trail network adjacent to the City of Enoch, which is located along the 1-15 corridor five miles north of Cedar City. The new trailhead and trail network will be connected directly to the city and provide multiple miles of non-motorized trails for the local community to use. This type of community connection has been successful in Cedar City, Parowan, and Beaver which now all have trail systems adjacent to their community. Each of the trail systems that have been developed over the past five years in Iron and Beaver Counties is accessible to all residents and visitors. Many trailheads are situated at the edge of the community, with a few on city property and managed through a partnership with the municipality. Residents of these communities have enjoyed their public lands in new ways, either on a bike, out walking their dog, or going for a run on the trail, right from their house, without needing to drive to the trailhead.

