



# UTAH Monticello Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Ranger Station Seating



*Volunteers level ground and rock line paths*

BLM Rangers at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station serve visitors to Cedar Mesa by issuing permits, providing safety information, and educating them about protecting fragile cultural resources within the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM). When Ranger Station operations moved outdoors in 2021 in response to the pandemic, the BLM Park Rangers worked with Sierra Club volunteers to expand and improve a small existing outdoor seating area for visitors to review maps and permit information before setting out.

### Bluff River Trail



*Canyon Country Youth Corps and BLM building trail*

The Bluff River Trail is a longstanding partnership project between the BLM and the Bluff City Historic Preservation Association to provide non-motorized access between the City of Bluff, UT, and the Sand Island Recreation Site. Trail building began in 2021, with BLM Park Rangers working with local Canyon Country Youth Corps crews to brush, delineate, and construct a trail with scenic views of the San Juan River for hikers, equestrians, and bicycles within BENM.

## 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

Fee dollars were used to support three Park Rangers at Kane Gulch, three River Rangers at Sand Island, one OHV Ranger, an Indian Creek Ranger, a Comb Ridge Ranger, and one Maintenance position. These employees supported visitors by patrolling recreation areas, monitoring WSAs, staffing remote facilities, overseeing an \$18,477 toilet pumping contract, designing interpretive materials, and installing signs within the BENM. Fee dollars were used to support overnight patrols on the San Juan River, the canyons of Cedar Mesa, and remote wilderness study areas such as Mancos Mesa.

## Vicinity Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$155,695.17
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$233,335.39
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$432,773.52
Interagency Passes	\$560.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$822,364.08</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$95,632.75
Visitor Services	\$475,212.07
Law Enforcement	\$46,043.02
Habitat Restoration	\$21,582.25
Collections/Overhead	\$57,176.35
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$695,646.44</b>



### Planned Activities



*Plans include stabilizing eroding campsites at Hamburger Rock*

The Monticello Field Office and BENM will continue to spend most fee dollars (approximately \$600,000) to support labor costs for support staff, including Archeologists, Park Rangers, Law Enforcement Officers, Collections staff, and staffing of permit phones and remote Ranger Stations. These labor costs support interpretation, education, patrolling, monitoring of sensitive resources, and maintenance of facilities. In FY 22 and beyond, the Office plans to fund an agreement for a 3D recording and tour of the Moon House archaeological site at the cost of \$74,000.

### FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$200,000.00
Visitor Services	\$475,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$50,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$20,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$70,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$815,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$710,014.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$800,000.00

### Connecting with Communities

The BLM Monticello Field Office and Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) will continue to work with existing partners and begin some exciting new partnerships in the upcoming year. In FY 22, the BENM entered into an agreement with Access Fund to host two full-time Climber Stewards during the busy season in the Indian Creek area. The Stewards patrol campgrounds, work with BLM staff to teach climbers how best to protect resources at weekly "climber coffee" events and help lead trail stabilization projects throughout this world-class climbing area. An ongoing partnership with Friends of Cedar Mesa (FCM) provides visitor support through Site Ambassadors stationed at key cultural sites to provide site etiquette and interpretive information. FCM also supports the BLM through the production of printed materials. In FY 22, this will include a large glossy fold-out map handout with information about destinations in the area and resource protection information. Large informational kiosks with site protection information will be installed at key trailheads within the BENM. The BLM also hopes to reengage with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition on various projects, including removing a fence and replacing the interpretative sign at a heavily visited site near the mouth of Arch Canyon.

