



# UTAH Salt Lake Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### New Knolls SRMA Fee Entrance



*No more long lines at Knolls Fee Station*

Long lines blocked the Knolls site entrance and extended onto the nearby railroad tracks on busy weekends and during organized events. Annual pass users could not pass the line, and vehicles with large trailers were unable to move around other stopped vehicles. Expansion of the entry road with lanes and a fee station off to one side now provides a separate area for users to pay entry fees. \$42,000 project costs (\$21,000 from Utah State Parks OHV Program grant) were spent in FY20, with an additional \$7,500 in FY21.

### Simpson Springs Campground



*New graveled parking pads and tent pads*

Completed Phase 1 Simpson Springs campground upgrades include: double-vault toilets; culinary water spigots; graveled-graded access roads; picnic tables and fire rings; graveled tent and parking pads; and pull-through sites. Also, a double-vault toilet was installed at the Simpson Springs Station along the Pony Express Trail Backcountry Byway. Total Phase 1 costs: \$220,000 with \$10,000 from recreation fee revenue. Phase 2 renovations will include restoring the upper loop campsites, group campsite, and equestrian campsite.

## 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:

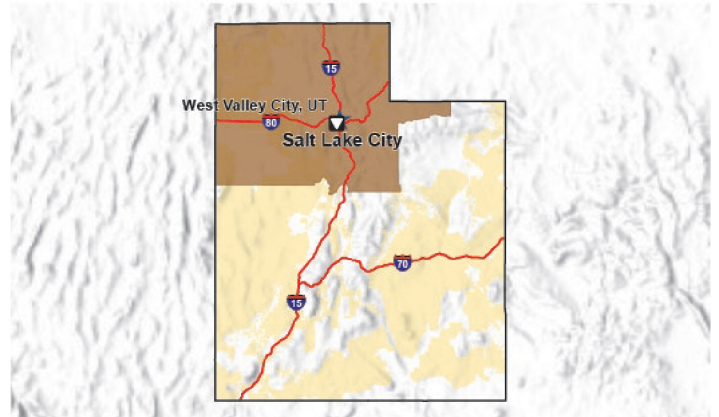
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited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

- \$54,000 - annual maintenance contracts: \$31,000 restroom cleaning; \$23,000 vault toilet pumping
- \$17,500 - recreation site construction: \$10,000 Phase One Simpson Springs Campground; \$7,500 Knolls entrance fee station
- \$38,000 - administer SLFO recreation permits: 4 fee sites (RUPs), SRPs, outreach (signing and visitor information)
- \$49,000 - law enforcement services
- \$20,000 - monitor SLFO recreation sites
- \$20,000 - plan for new Fivemile Pass fee site
- \$48,500 - seasonal labor
- \$7,000 - signs, info panels for Bonneville Salt Flats, Transcontinental Railroad, Knolls, Lake Mountains

## Vicinity Map



## Contacts

### Salt Lake Field Office

#### Recreation Fee Program Contact

Phone Number: 801-320-8300

Email: [BLM\\_UT\\_SL\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_UT_SL_Mail@blm.gov)

Web: <https://www.blm.gov/office/salt-lake-field-office>

#### District Contact

Phone Number: 801-320-8300

Email: [BLM\\_UT\\_SL\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_UT_SL_Mail@blm.gov)

## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$62,597.87
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$148,744.61
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$103,740.61
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$315,083.09</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$84,457.00
Visitor Services	\$37,674.00
Law Enforcement	\$49,354.00
Habitat Restoration	\$20,180.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$191,665.00</b>



## Planned Activities



*New Fivemile Pass fee site and future developments*

- \$56,000 – annual maintenance contracts: \$32,000 restroom cleaning; \$24,000 vault toilet pumping
- \$15,000 – recreation site developments: \$10,000 Phase Two Simpson Springs Campground; \$5,000 Knolls entrance road fill gravel; \$20,000 new Fivemile Pass fee stations/signs
- \$55,000 - administer SLFO recreation permits: four fee sites, SRPs (increase from FY21 due to hiring vacant third outdoor recreation planner position)
- \$2,000 – signs, visitor information: includes \$500 Knolls replacement kiosk panel
- \$55,000 - law enforcement services
- \$40,000 - seasonal/permanent park ranger support
- \$123,000 FY21 carry-over – staff labor

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$90,000.00
Visitor Services	\$57,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$55,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$30,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$8,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$240,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$365,787.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$325,000.00

## Connecting with Communities

BLM-Salt Lake Field Office has been working with Tooele and Utah Counties to develop nonmotorized trail systems in the popular urban-interface areas of Lake Mountains, Rose/Yellow Fork Canyons, and North Oquirrh Management Area. The decision record for the EA DOI-BLM-UT-W010-2021-0007-EA Trail Development in the Lake Mountains, North Oquirrh Management Area, and Rose and Yellow Fork Canyons was signed in April 2021. Salt Lake County was recently issued a ROW for nonmotorized trail development in the Rose/Yellow Fork Canyon area and plans to begin construction in spring 2022. Eagle Mountain and Tooele are both pursuing proposals and funding for similar developments in their areas.

BLM-Salt Lake Field Office also has been working with State and local partners on the designation of Fivemile Pass Recreation Area as a fee site. The Decision Record for Environmental Assessment (EA) DOI-BLM-UT-W010-2020-0001-EA Fivemile Pass, Special Area Designation, was signed in December 2021. The Fivemile Pass Recreation Area Business Plan was signed in January 2022 after the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee review in November 2020. The Federal Register Notice for implementing the new fee at Fivemile Pass has been drafted and is currently at the Utah State Office for review. The final publication of the Federal Register Notice is expected in 2022, with the implementation of the fee in FY23. Plans for the new fee site include improving existing facilities and construction of new recreation facilities to improve the visitor’s experience and provide additional resource protection.

