



# UTAH Vernal Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Opening New Mountain Bike Trail



The new Red Fleet Downhill Flow Trailhead kiosk

In early Spring 2021, the Vernal Field Office held an opening ceremony for the Red Fleet Downhill Flow Trailhead. This project spanned multiple years and benefited from numerous community partners. The ceremony, although small, focused on the outstanding accomplishments and collaboration from various partners throughout the years. The trail system is close to Vernal, UT, and is a welcome addition to the wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities available within the Vernal Field Office.

### New Dinosaur Trackway Fee Site



The new Dinosaur Trackway Trail Kiosk

In 2021 the Vernal Field Office established a new fee site at the Dinosaur Trackway Trailhead. This site features a challenging hike through the desert, sage, and slick-rock terrain ultimately ending at a spectacular dinosaur trackway at the edge of the Red Fleet Reservoir. This trail is located near the Vernal UT, and is visited year-round. This developed recreation site is the latest fee site in the Vernal Field Office, as outlined in the Recreation Fee Sites Business Plan (2018).

## 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 a contract to remove 30-years of encroaching brush at Indian Crossing and Bridge Hollow Campgrounds.
- Completed planned renovations at the Pelican Lake Campground.
- Replaced various kiosks and updated signboards
- Purchased materials and supplies needed for the operation and maintenance of all developed recreation sites
- Monitored and collaborated with Law Enforcement for all permitted events in FY 2021
- Held the John Jarvie Festival, which brought awareness to and usage at both BLM Campgrounds in Browns Park
- Collaborated with the Forest Service on the annual Service First Agreement for Green River management.

## Vicinity Map



## Contacts

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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$16,409.38
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$215,953.04
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,640.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21</b>	<b>\$234,002.42</b>

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$40,140.10
Visitor Services	\$64,909.29
Law Enforcement	\$622.70
Habitat Restoration	\$39,415.91
Collections/Overhead	\$8,222.64
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21</b>	<b>\$153,310.64</b>



## Planned Activities



*Looking into the river from the proposed Cliff Ridge CG*

Planned activities and projects include utilizing funding from previous years to assist in large-scale funding projects. Some of these projects include:

- Cliff Ridge Campground Construction (\$100,000)
- Docs Beach Recreation Development (\$75,000)
- McCoy Flats Campground Construction (\$100,000)
- Split Mountain Yurt Planning and Construction (\$50,000)
- Lower Green River Boat Ramp Projects and Construction (\$75,000 x 2)

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$60,000.00
Visitor Services	\$74,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$1,500.00
Habitat Restoration	\$50,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$10,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$195,500.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$633,628.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$234,000.00

## Connecting with Communities

The Connecting with Communities Strategy is an essential component of all recreation projects within the VFO. Collaboration with local governments and interested user groups as appropriate is built into most of our recent projects. An example is the Red Fleet Downhill Flow Trail; local user groups advocated for a downhill mountain bike experience for multiple years. The VFO worked with those groups and other trail experts to develop a project that ultimately incorporated input, collaboration, and physical on-the-ground work from community members. Connecting with Communities allows the BLM to consider the most effective way to design and implement a project while keeping multiple-use and sustainability as the project's primary focus.

