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Casper Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

North Platte Sign Rehab



Vandalized ID sign along North Platte.

The Casper Field Office has begun the first of many installments of new signs along the North Platte SRMA, with the first installment using \$2,525.87 fee program dollars for the project. This area is one of Casper's most popular fishing sections and is categorized by the WY G&F as a blue-ribbon trout stream. The last installment of signs in 2017 wasn't that long ago; however, most of the signs have been vandalized and weathered to a point where they're no longer readable, and some are no longer recognizable.

Vehicles for Site Maintenance



Vehicle transporting building materials to the site.

The Casper Field Office manages 17 recreation sites in remote locations throughout the CFO. To take care of all these sites and maintain a high status of quality, vehicles become very important. However, the vehicles need to be maintained to ensure staff can safely make it to and from the field. With the use of \$11,982.89 of fee program funds, the CFO uses these three vehicles for staff, which allowed for more maintenance and upgrades during the 2021 Fiscal Year.

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:

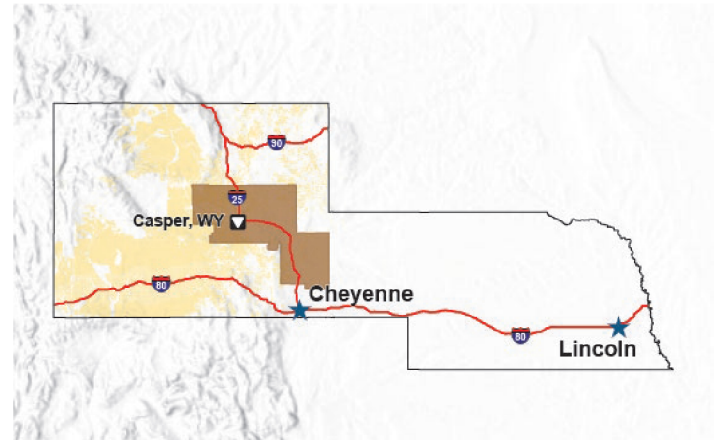
- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited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

- Maintenance of recreation sites, painting, picnic tables, etc. (\$5,190.80)
- Provided three vehicles for Recreation Staff (\$11,982.89)
- Provided vault toilets at Ledge Creek; total cost for FY21 (\$1391.69)
- Special Recreation Permit monitoring, public outreach, and interpretation (\$3438.66)
- Fee program monies obligated in FY21 for Montana Conservation Corp will be spent in FY22 (\$11,000)
- Fee program monies also obligated for Emigrant Gap Interp cultural site will be spent in FY22 (\$8,046.43)

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$30,180.72
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$47,950.09
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$9,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$87,630.81

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$37,747.59
Visitor Services	\$3,438.66
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$41,186.25



Planned Activities



Continuing trail improvements at Blue Gulch.

- Vault toilet maintenance and pumping (\$90K)
- Providing recreation vehicles for staff (Est. \$20K)
- Portable toilets at Ledge Creek Site Est. (\$1,500)
- Continue North Platte SRMA sign upgrades (\$20K)
- Gravel improvements at developed sites (\$10K)
- Process/monitoring SRPs (\$7K)
- Montana C.C. trail improvements (\$11K)
- Water testing for Lodgepole Campground (\$200)
- SRP authorization stickers (Est. \$500)
- LEO patrols, emergency response (\$50K)
- Emergency message Trailer for sites (Est. \$20K)
- Inventory, Rimrock (\$70K)
- Recreation Fee Program Administration (Est. \$5K)

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$151,200.00
Visitor Services	\$29,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$50,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$70,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$305,200.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$311,028.97
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$80,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Casper Field Office has and continues to collaborate with the Central Wyoming Trails Alliance (CWTA) as well as the Casper Enduro Club (CEC). The CWTA comprises non-motorized trail users that conduct trail surveys throughout the Muddy Mountain trails network to help identify any potential disruptions, changes, or degradation of the user landscape to ensure a quality trail experience for all the public to enjoy. They also act as stewards of the recreation site to help promote education about responsible and sustainable recreational use of all the trails. The CEC is another trail use group that focuses on motorized OHV use. This group does the same as the previously mentioned group in conjunction with the Casper Field Office. This group covers areas primarily within the Casper Field Office and other offices within the state. Working with these groups has helped identify miss use and potential miss use that could lead to degradation of the landscape and orchestrated cleanups to remove trash and other discarded items to promote a clean, healthy environment for all public users.

