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Lander Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Flowin' Johnny



A youngster pauses to enjoy Flowin' Johnny

The Lander Field Office, in partnership with Wyoming Pathways, LanderCycling, and Windriver Backcountry Horsemen, constructed the Flowin' Johnny trail. The trail comprises a 2-mile beginner loop for non-motorized users. At a ribbon-cutting for the trail in October of 2021, Fremont County Commissioner Mike Jones said, "It feels like a hike through a zen garden." The trail was constructed with financial support from Lander Cycling, Wyoming Pathways, LFO Recreation Fee dollars, and BLM base funding.

Cottonwood Campground Picnic Tables



Work on Picnic Table Boards

The Lander Field Office utilized fee program funding for materials and labor costs to refurbish the picnic tables at Cottonwood Campground--a fee site in the Lander Field Office. BLM partnered with a local Boy Scout Troop to replace weathered and warped boards with new quality lumbar painted in a setting appropriate color and installed before the busy season. Handicap accessible dimensions were maintained.

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

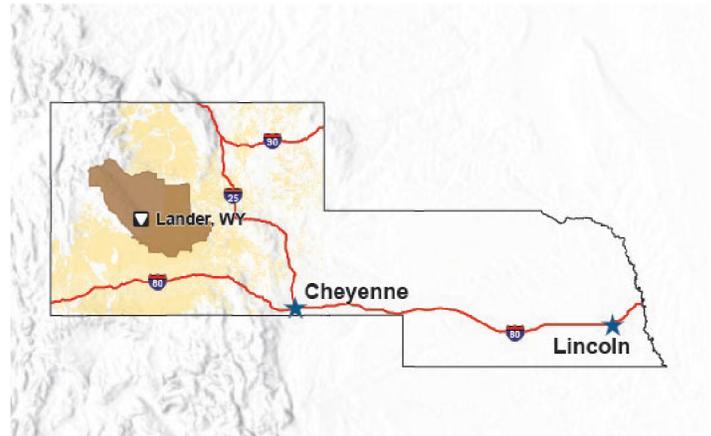


Other Accomplishments

Other fee accomplishments include:

- Continued National Historic Trail Monitoring and Evaluation
- Continued upkeep of developed sites throughout the field office
- Provided monetary support to restroom maintenance contracts across the FO
- Provided monetary support for Archeology Inventory at Johnny Behind the Rocks
- Monetary support for maintenance of the Shoshone Lake Road
- Funded a Recreation Technician to conduct maintenance and monitoring across the FO
- Maintained 12 spring protection fences providing non-potable water to users on the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$12,699.89
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$12,501.82
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$3,600.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$28,801.71

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$34,550.00
Visitor Services	\$31,935.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$22,411.07
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$88,896.07



Planned Activities



Trail work at Johnny Behind the Rocks

The following activities are planned for Fiscal Year 2022:

- Continued partnership with community members, Lander Cycling, Wyoming Pathways, and Windriver Backcountry Horsemen to develop trails at Johnny Behind the Rocks.
- Seasonal hires (Recreation Technician and Campground Host) to support visitor information and monitoring.
- There is a road restoration project on a major access road to the National Trails and Sweetwater Canyon WSA. This project will utilize light on the land techniques to improve road drainage while also "harvesting" the water to increase water storage in the surrounding landscape.
- Continued monitoring of the NSHT corridor and trail condition.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$50,000.00
Visitor Services	\$30,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$6,689.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$86,689.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$122,622.12
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$78,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Lander Field Office continues to implement the Master Trails Plan for Johnny Behind the Rocks (JBR) Special Recreation Management Area, a community-based trail system 15 miles southeast of Lander, Wyoming. In 2021, LFO used program fees to supplement base funding to provide financial support to an assistance agreement with Wyoming Pathways. The assistance agreement allows the BLM and partners to pool funds under one umbrella agreement to improve pathway opportunities on BLM lands in Fremont County. Specifically, in 2021 the agreement resulted in constructing the east leg of the Flowin' Johnny trail—a wide beginner trail with crushed fines to ensure resiliency to heavy use. The LFO has a long history of supporting community-based recreation in the JBR SRMA, dating back to 2010. In response to extensive community and user input, the management direction was solidified in the Lander RMP (2014), which designated the area as a Special Recreation Management Area. Specifically, the SRMA targets muscle-powered trail activities and associated outcomes. JBR will continue to be a priority for the Lander Field Office because of partners' and volunteers' community interest and willingness.

To date, the office has:

- Conducted several trail re-routes and maintenance activities with community partners like Lander Cycling and Windriver Backcountry Horsemen
- Designed and built a parking lot to facilitate the RMP targeted activities and outcomes
- Withdrew the area (4820 acres) from entry under the 1872 mining law
- Partnered with the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) to develop a Master Trails Plan
- After extensive public, community, and partner involvement, a FONSI and Decisions Record was signed authorizing up to 40 miles of new trail construction
- Built and maintained several miles of trail in partnership with the local community.

