



# WYOMING

## Rock Springs Field Office

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

#### No Fee Program Projects in FY2021



ORP with local CORE Youth



RSFO Staff with NPLD Volunteers

The RSFO only collects Recreation Fee Funds from our Special Recreation Permits and pass sales. We have no fee sites. We have had full turnover in the recreation staff and saved our money this year for planned projects in FY 2022 and FY 2023.

The only Recreation Fee Funds that were used in 2021 were spent on SRP audits.

#### 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.

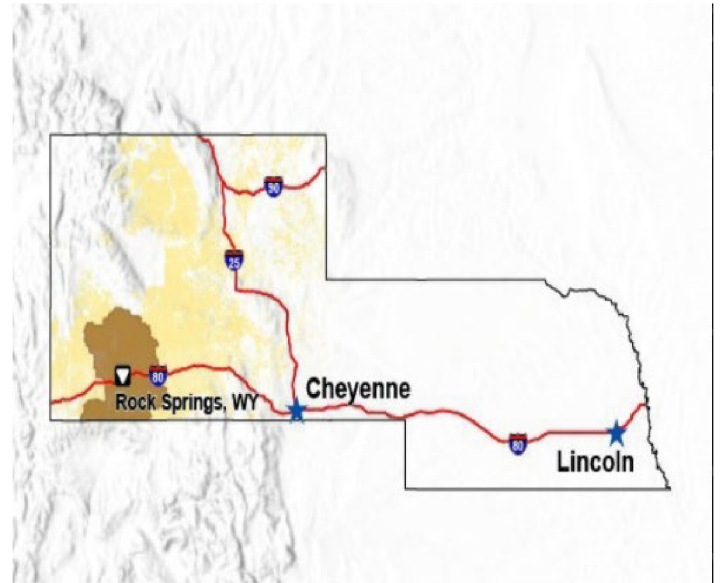


## Other Accomplishments

In 2021 the RSFO welcomed a new Outdoor Recreation Planner and was looking forward to using the carryover Recreation Fee Funds on upcoming recreation infrastructure developments.

The recreation department saw several successes in community involvement in 2021 without spending fee program funds. We hosted the Conservation Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) Casper youth program at the Wind River Front, repairing over half a mile of buck and rail fence at multiple campgrounds, replacing directional signage, and learning about wilderness first aid and species identification. Our National Public Lands Day project cleaned up three dump sites on recreationally used BLM lands, removing over two tons of garbage. The RSFO recreation and cultural staff partnered in 2021 to lead educational tours to 115 local youths and their chaperones in our field office. We also continued regular maintenance and monitoring of 20 developed recreation sites and 13 Wilderness Study Areas.

## Vicinity Map



## Contacts

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## Revenue & Expenditures

### FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$12,704.61
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$6,260.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$18,964.61
FY20 End Of Year Carryover	\$30,172.66

### FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,379.45
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$5,379.45



## Planned Activities



*The Green River from the Wilkins Peak Bike Trails*

The RSFO is planning several recreation infrastructure developments during FY22 and FY23. These include developing North Table Rock Camp Area into a formal campground, developing a second staging area for the Killpecker Sand Dunes Open Play Area, and improving the Killpecker Sand Dunes and Wind River Front Campgrounds. Improvements at the campgrounds will include replacing damaged fire rings and picnic tables, adding shade structures where necessary, and adding a few more sites at the Wind River Front. The RSFO will also expand trails and develop a second parking area at the Wilkins Peak Bike Trails. Funds will also be directed to increase Law Enforcement activities at our recreation sites, including enforcing stay limits at the Wind River Front and safety rules at the Killpecker Sand Dunes Open Play Area.

## FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$30,000.00
Visitor Services	\$5,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,379.45
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$45,379.45
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$49,137.27
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$12,000.00

## Connecting with Communities

The RSFO Recreation Department is very committed to meeting the needs of the public and increasing local involvement for our amazing recreational, cultural, and wilderness resources, and protecting these resources for future generations. The RSFO attempts to reduce financial barriers to accessing recreation by keeping all recreation sites in our field office fee free. We work to ensure that our development projects are meeting the needs and wants of the community by meeting with a variety of local user groups to gauge areas of interest and encourage involvement with our public lands. The recreation program spends a significant amount of time each field season connecting with local youth by leading interpretive trips for school groups and youth camps. We also host the Conservation Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) Casper youth program for a week at the Wind River Front Sweetwater Guard Station Campground where we work on recreational improvement projects and engage in nature-based educational activities.

