



# ARIZONA Tucson

Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

### Murray Springs Ramada Project



*BLM volunteer standing in the new ramada*

Recreation fee dollars supported the purchase of a new steel ramada at the Murray Springs Clovis Site on the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. Labor for the installation of the ramada was provided by Tucson Field Office (TFO) staff and volunteers during a National Public Lands Day event in November 2021. The ramada replaced a shade structure composed of mesquite that collapsed in 2017.

**Amount Expended: \$3,200.00**

### Las Cienegas Sign Implementation



*Youth crew installing a new group site sign*

Recreation fee dollars supported the purchase of new signs for recreation sites in the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area. The new signs were installed by a youth crew from Arizona Conservation Corps in June 2022. A variety of signs were installed to help users familiarize where to camp and understand the purpose of the group sites for Special Recreation Permit holders.

**Amount Expended: \$2,500.00**

## Recreation Fee Dollars

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

*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.*



Other Accomplishments

Recreation fee dollars supported repairs and maintenance to amenities at the San Pedro House and Huachuca House.

Recreation fee dollars supported annual maintenance of mowing equipment for trails and recreation sites.

Recreation fee dollars supported the site host volunteer program with propane costs and new tools to keep sites maintained.

Recreation fee dollars supported the purchase of signs for replacement or in areas where information is needed.

Recreation fee dollars supported the purchase of uniforms for staff to engage with public users and permit holders.

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[Published FLREA Triennial Report](https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/)  
<https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/>

[Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans](https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrea-revenue)  
<https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrea-revenue>

[Connecting with Communities BLM Recreation Strategy](https://www.blm.gov/national-office/public-room/strategic-plan/connecting-communities-blm-recreation-strategy-summary)  
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Revenue & Expenditures

End of Year Carryover:	\$56,843.16
<b>FY22 Revenue</b>	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$13,989.35
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$6,920.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:</b>	<b>\$20,909.35</b>

<b>FY22 Expenditures</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$20,386.92
Visitor Services	\$43,762.63
Law Enforcement	\$6,998.39
Habitat Restoration	\$5,070.80
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:</b>	<b>\$76,218.74</b>





Planned Activities



Wildlife interpretive sign requiring replacement

Interpretive sign replacement at Empire Gulch. Existing signs are weathered and unreadable. Estimated cost: \$1,500.

Update Las Cienegas National Conservation Area bird watching checklist pamphlet. Las Cienegas is a popular bird watching area for both public users and wildlife viewing tour groups. Estimated cost: \$500.

Install new steel camp fire ring devices for designated group sites in the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area and Ironwood Forest National Monument. Estimated cost: \$2,000.

Replace sitting benches at Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate interpretive site in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. Estimated cost: \$2,500.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,500.00
Visitor Services	\$1,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$3,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,500.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
<b>Carryover Funds To FY23:</b>	<b>\$1,533.77</b>
<b>FY23 Projected Revenue:</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>

Connecting with Communities

The TFO continues its collaborative engagement with stakeholders and local partnership groups to help improve recreation opportunities and experiences for visitors. The recreation technical teams created last year in the Las Cienegas and San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Areas continue efforts with local community team members to assist with recreation site improvement needs, identifying recreation objectives to be accomplished from resource management plans, and providing information to the recreation staff on changing recreation trends on public lands. These efforts support External Goal 1: Support Community Service Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Lands Users and Strategic Focus 1: Proactively Engage with Communities.

TFO's recreation program is continuously working on implementing upgrades to designated campgrounds and group sites to meet user demand while reducing the potential for conflict between different recreation user groups. Draft plans are developed by staff and shared with partner groups and stakeholders to ensure public concerns are being addressed.

