



CALIFORNIA Barstow

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Dumont Dunes Visitor Services

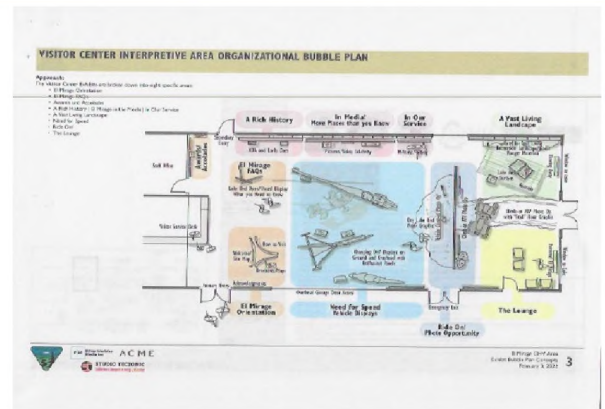


Dumont Dunes Incident Command Post Set-up

Barstow Field Office manages Dumont Dunes which is a very well visited area containing large sand dunes that extends 30 miles in length. Visitors enjoy open desert riding on dune buggies, ATV's, UTV's. Camping in large recreational vehicles is also popular. Law enforcement, fire crew, and visitor service staff assist visitors on busy holiday weekends with up to 25,000 visitors sometimes. The staff is available for questions, to provide support, and emergency medical assistance if needed.

Amount Expended: \$80,000.00

El Mirage New Exhibits Plan



El Mirage Visitor Center Indoor Exhibits Plan

El Mirage Visitor Center attracts about 15,000 visitors per month. It is located next to the world-renowned El Mirage Lakebed, which is popular for camping, operating all-terrain vehicles, land yachts, aircraft of all sizes, gyrocopters, parasails, movie filming, and much more. An interpretive concept and written design development plan for several new indoor exhibits at El Mirage visitor center was completed. The design plan has eight new exhibit areas to add inside the visitor center.

Amount Expended: \$250,000.00

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

- Routine maintenance which includes pumping and cleaning of 40 vault toilets around the variety of OHV areas \$145,000
- Dumont Dunes road was paved east from highway 127 to the entrance to the fee area south of the Amargosa river \$50,000
- Fencing the Northern boundary of the El Mirage OHV area per the Dingell Act Expansion - \$50,000
- Administration of commercial, competitive, and organized group recreational activities and supporting infrastructure - \$50,000

Vicinity Map



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

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

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[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:	\$323,487.50
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$27,608.91
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$138,459.04
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$1,735,760.69
Interagency Passes	\$880.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$1,902,708.64

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$57,162.35
Visitor Services	\$642,500.05
Law Enforcement	\$99,898.23
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$799,560.63



Planned Activities



Photo of One Vault Toilet at Stoddard Valley

- Visitor Services, LE and EMS at Dumont Dunes for holidays \$80,000
- CXT vault toilet pumping and cleaning \$90,000
- Administration of SRP program \$60,000
- Road maintenance as needed in open Off Highway Vehicle Areas \$56,000
- Indoor Exhibits at El Mirage Visitor Center planned to be constructed and installed. \$134,000

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$66,000.00
Visitor Services	\$834,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$100,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$10000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$1,010,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$1,426,635.51
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$1,100,000.00

Connecting with Communities

Barstow Field Office works with many organizations to promote recreation benefits afforded to all communities and visitors. Partnerships include the Friends of El Mirage and Main Street Murals. Both organizations directly employ from the immediate area, promoting people from Adelanto and Barstow. Their work assists with our visitor services programs and facilities maintenance. Two other groups that engage our communities are the Friends of Dumont Dunes and Clean-Desert.org. They are local organizations that share their resources to help us provide clean and environmentally healthy recreation areas.

We also have a long-standing partnership with the CA OHV grant division to stretch our fee and appropriated dollars.

The grants provide us with needed additional funding that help us continue building and improving our world-class recreation opportunities. Finally, our engagement and influence is world-renowned and some of our areas receive international visitation to those involved with racing and OHV recreation. During our events the small towns including Barstow and Lucerne enjoy a migration of 50,000 visitors. They help the local economy spending dollars at the small businesses.

