



COLORADO Grand Junction

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Trail Maintenance and Repairs



Rangers Repairing a Trail

In 2022, the GJFO experienced several intense rainstorms, which took a toll on some of the most popular hiking and mountain biking trails. Park Rangers and volunteers worked hard to repair and improve trail segments to get BLM recreationists back to recreating. Trail maintenance is a big part of year-round duties for the recreation staff. It takes hard work and coordination to stay on top of unforeseen natural disasters, erosion, sign damage, and user conflict.

Amount Expended: \$10,000.00

Welcoming New Park Rangers



New Ranger Working on a Mountain Bike Trail

Visitor use within the GJFO has been growing, and with that comes a need for more boots on the ground. This year, we welcomed new seasonal Park Rangers to the GJFO staff. Rangers perform a variety of tasks including facilities and campground maintenance, visitor services, roving patrols on land and on the river, sign installation/inventory/repair, and construction of trails. The ability to add to the GJFO staff has helped us continue to provide excellent customer service to the public.

Amount Expended: \$800,000.00

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

- North Fruita Desert sign and kiosk installation
- Began implementation of NFD Trails Master Plan
- Replaced old solar system with upgraded panels and increased power output at camphost site to better meet camp host needs.
- Started on upgrades at the Mud Springs Campground, which includes reconstruction of camp sites and replacing vault toilets.

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:	\$222,802.46
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$146,025.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$45,095.16
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$1,070.00
Interagency Passes	\$12,130.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$204,320.16

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$30,669.34
Visitor Services	\$46,849.21
Law Enforcement	\$24,930.92
Habitat Restoration	\$17,600.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$120,049.47



Planned Activities



Materials Delivered to the Mud Springs Campground

For the 2023 season, a main focus will be continued work in the North Fruita Desert on building trails and updating signage to include the use of e-bikes, efforts to expand the 18 Road lower campground, hiring camp hosts for the busy seasons, and providing services and support for the many users and events that take advantage of the Special Event area.

The Mud Springs Campground overhaul will be completed to include a brand-new water system, bathrooms and picnic tables.

Several projects are planned for the OHV and dirt bike trails in partnership with CPW and local OHV user groups- including another six miles of OHV trails in the Bangs Special recreation Management Area.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$40,000.00
Visitor Services	\$140,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$45,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$70,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$10,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$305,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$307,073.15
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$221,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Grand Junction Field Office collaborates with local, robust, and diverse user groups to benefit the local community and visitors' recreation programs. The strategy of Connecting with Communities is that public lands should be viewed as connected to and integrated with local communities. Many projects representing varied recreational uses have been proposed or in some implementation stage. Our local government cooperating partners include Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Mesa County, the cities of Grand Junction and Fruita, and the town of Palisade. Local non-government community partners are as numerous as they are diverse, from quiet wilderness seekers to gnarly rock crawling; all seek to enhance the visitor recreation experience from Backyard to Backcountry. Our GJFO Visitor Services Program offers consistent information regarding visitor and recreation services provided within our BLM field office and a robust volunteer coordination program.

