



# COLORADO Gunnison

Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

### Two Recreation Program Interns



*GFO Interns at Cattlemans Parade*

During the summer of 2022, the BLM Gunnison Field Office used Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) funds to hire two interns to support the recreation and visitor services program. The two new hires provide information to the public at the front desk for the Gunnison Field Office, and worked in the field to maintain facilities and recreation amenities for the public. They provided excellent public service to recreational visitors, while building their experience for future careers in recreation.

**Amount Expended: \$25,386.00**

### Hartman Rocks Boulder Placement



*Excavator Placing Boulders to Delineate Parking*

The Gunnison Field Office used FLREA funding and partnered with Gunnison County to place boulders around parking areas to delineate trailhead parking areas and campsites at Hartman Rocks Special Recreation Management Area. The boulders protect natural resources, including Gunnison Sage Grouse habitat, by preventing vehicles from parking on vegetation. Since the boulders were placed in June 2022, grasses and plants have begun to return to previously disturbed areas.

**Amount Expended: \$1,303.56**

## Recreation Fee Dollars

They support and enhance:

*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.*

- 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

New Kiosks at 14er Trailheads in partnership with CFI and WCCC to improve the visitor experience and protect resources.

BLM provided 2 portable restrooms at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area for the season to support day use and dispersed camping.

BLM purchased maintenance supplies and funded field-going seasonal labor to maintain facilities and provide visitor service.

BLM fielded two volunteer campground hosts at Mill Creek and Oh Be Joyful. Hosts maintained facilities and assisted visitors.

BLM partnered with CPW and CYCA to install camping infrastructure at app. 70 dispersed campsites on the Alpine Loop.

Vicinity Map



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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:	\$94,984.22
<b>FY22 Revenue</b>	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$71,084.73
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$61,600.93
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$2,500.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:</b>	<b>\$135,185.66</b>

<b>FY22 Expenditures</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$86,014.59
Visitor Services	\$5,144.18
Law Enforcement	\$3,548.87
Habitat Restoration	\$7,983.80
Collections/Overhead	\$3,336.46
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:</b>	<b>\$106,027.90</b>



Planned Activities



*Wilderness Kiosk Installation*

GFO will field 2 campground hosts in FY23 (Mill Creek and Oh Be Joyful). Hosts will continue to orient visitors, maintain facilities, and manage reservation systems. Two separate CYCA projects are planned to improve campsites at Hartman Rocks and to maintain Wilderness Trails and kiosks. BLM will fund two six-month seasonal positions to perform annual and deferred maintenance, as well as an outreach and interpretation ranger that will assist in permit administration. One student intern will be funded through the CYCA agreement. FLREA funds will also be used to purchase cleaning supplies, tools, survey, & pumping services to support protection and maintenance of public resources.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$35,000.00
Visitor Services	\$19,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$28,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$22,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$27,000.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:</b>	<b>\$131,000.00</b>
<b>Carryover Funds To FY23:</b>	<b>\$124,141.98</b>
<b>FY23 Projected Revenue:</b>	<b>\$115,000.00</b>

Connecting with Communities

The BLM strives to provide excellent recreation opportunities to the public. BLM field staff: outdoor recreation planners, park rangers, interns, and partners support this mission by maintaining facilities; inventorying and monitoring resources; and by providing public information. In 2022 the GFO employed interns, volunteers, and seasonal park rangers who provided visitor information on the front line. These park ranger positions aligned with the BLM Connecting with Communities External strategic goal 2: Facilitate greater well-being and economic benefits within communities – “contribute jobs to the local economy by, for example, hiring local youth as seasonal staff members to maintain sites.” The outcome of these efforts provide opportunities for new land managers from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds to explore a career in public lands as they earn competitive wages and work in a treasured landscape. BLM staff will provide project oversight, support, and supervision during all project and contract work. The end state will be sustainable recreation opportunities that protect natural and cultural resources, and are accessible and available to all members of the public.

