



IDAHO Four Rivers

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Steck Park Campground



Campers at Steck Park Campground

Steck Park Campground is on Brownlee Reservoir in the Hells Canyon area. The campground has 44 sites, two boat launch ramps, potable water, an RV dump station, and a fish cleaning station. Fee dollars were used to operate and maintain the site. There is a proposal to transfer Steck Park Campground management to Idaho Power in 2024 as part of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing.

Amount Expended: \$3,500.00

Return of the Special Recreation Permits



Race to Robie Creek Special Recreation Permit

In 2022, Four Rivers Field Office competitive special recreation permits (SRPs) rebounded to near pre-Covid levels, but most with lower participation. These annual events will return to their former numbers in the future. Four Rivers administers about 12-15 competitive SRPs annually which account for the majority of 1232 fees collected each year. About half of these permits are trail running races on the Ridge to Rivers Trail System in the Boise Foothills.

Amount Expended: \$5,000.00

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/capital costs associated with the recreation fee program

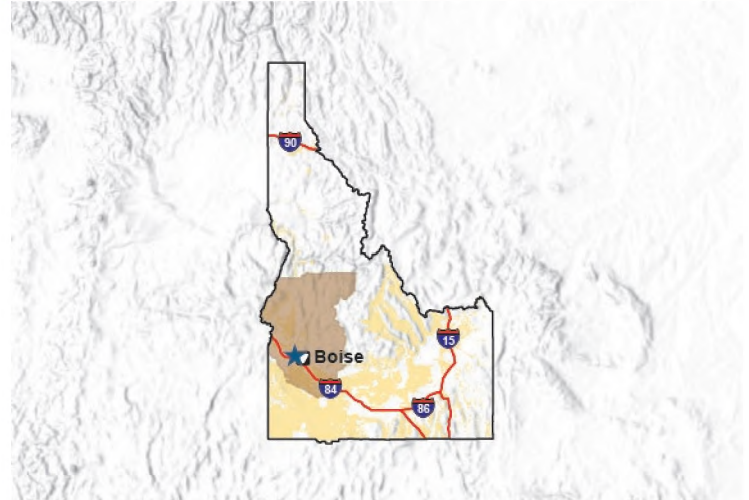
Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.



Other Accomplishments

•Payette River National Public Lands Day (NPLD) had volunteers from Team River Runner (a Veteran support group) improve three river recreation sites.

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:	\$21,457.41
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$22,990.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$5,086.23
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22: :	\$28,076.23

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$12,693.11
Visitor Services	\$145.25
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$12,838.36



Planned Activities



Beehive Bend on the Payette River

- Replace vault toilet at Ridge to Rivers trailhead \$25,000
- Continue to maintain high-use parking areas \$1,000
- Continue to engage public through NPLD events - \$3,000

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$26,000.00
Visitor Services	\$3,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$29,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$36,695.28
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$5100.00

Connecting with Communities

The Boise District Bureau of Land Management and Boise National Forest hosted the second annual Payette River NPLD on September 17th. About half of the volunteers were from the Boise Chapter of Team River Runner. Team River Runners mission is “to provide all active duty, veterans and their families an opportunity to find health, healing, community purpose, and new challenges through adventure and adaptive paddle sports.” The projects were spread across three Payette River recreation sites and work included constructing new signs, trail building, noxious weed removal, river corridor clean up, erosion repair, and parking improvements. As this was a complicated NPLD, we needed some of our best outreach staff on the District to make this a successful project. The team from BLM included Jared Fluckiger, Zach Arlit, Ann Marie Raymondi, and Dave Draheim. The Payette River recreation sites are cooperatively managed by BLM and Forest Service.

