



Kiosk Panel Replacement



New Panel

The Permit and Fee (1232) funds were utilized to finance the replacement of aging and weather-worn paper interpretive panels with new fiberglass ones and the installation of custom-sized plexiglass inserts in several of our recreational areas. This upgrade was made possible through the efforts of our Montana Conservation Corps Recreation Intern, who collaborated with a local vendor to secure the necessary materials. The new and updated glass components make a favorable impression on visitors as they enter our public lands.

Amount Expended: \$1,025.80

Shepherd OHV Monitoring



UTV Monitoring Site

Shepherd OHV is a popular destination for off-highway vehicle enthusiasts near Billings, Montana's largest city. Due to its high volume of visitors, regular monitoring and upkeep are essential. The 1232 funds were utilized to purchase fuel for the BLM's utility terrain vehicle and to stock the on-site latrine with maintenance supplies and toilet paper. Over 37,000 OHV enthusiasts, armed with their 50-inch or smaller vehicles including four-wheelers, motorcycles, and small side-by-sides, flock to Shepherd OHV Recreation Area to explore its picturesque trails winding through the Ponderosa Pine forest.

Amount Expended: \$291.47

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.



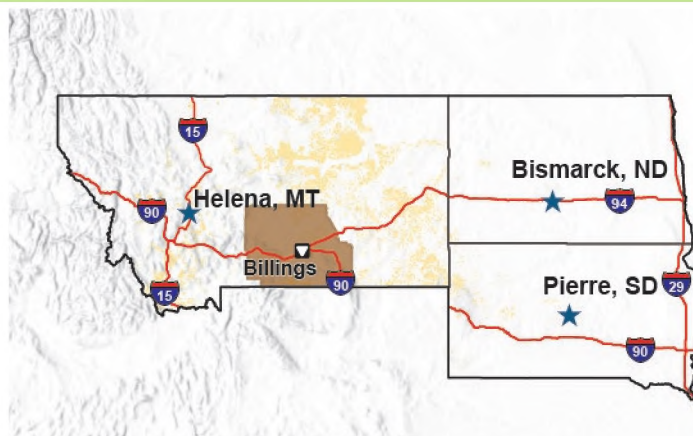
Other Accomplishments

The team processed seven Letters of Agreements, demonstrating their commitment to completing administrative tasks efficiently.

Eleven Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) were processed by the team, indicating their ability to handle a high volume of requests.

The team not only processed SRPs but also updated and created new stipulations for all of them, ensuring that all permit holders are aware of and comply with the latest regulations.

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)
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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:	\$64,236.50
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$9,964.76
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,500.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$11,464.76

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$3,675.53
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$4,765.44
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$8,440.97



Planned Activities



Gabion construction to fill in ruts on a trail.

- Our trail maintenance efforts will be supported by grant funding obtained through a partnership application with the Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$4,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$5,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$9,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$67,260.29
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$12,000.00

Connecting with Communities

By providing informational kiosks at our most heavily visited sites, we aim to educate the public on the significance of preserving cultural sites and limiting the impact on vegetation and wildlife by staying on designated roads. The kiosks also serve as a platform for promoting volunteer opportunities and outreach events, such as National Public Lands Day.

This year, on National Trails Day, we were grateful for the support of the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and Billings Gem and Mineral Club in installing trailhead signs at our newly established trails in the Pryor Mountains. This collaboration with the local community exemplifies the importance of bridging the gap between urban and rural areas, and promoting stewardship of public lands. These volunteer initiatives foster a positive relationship between the BLM and local stakeholders and provide an opportunity to instill a sense of responsibility in the next generation of public lands enthusiasts.

