



MONTANA_DAKOTAS Lewistown

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

SRP Administration



Sun River

The Lewistown Field Office (LFO) administers 26 Special Recreation Permits (SRP) for big game, fishing, and air shuttle services. Local, rural communities benefit greatly from the economic impact that the outfitter industry provides. By recognizing the value of the outfitter industry, the LFO is supporting community values and promoting the quality of life that typifies Central Montana. In FY22, the Field Office utilized SRP revenue to review, issue and administer the SPR program activities.

Amount Expended: \$9,342.00

Recreation Site Volunteers



Lowry Bridge Recreation Site

The Lewistown Field Office (LFO) has been fortunate to have campground hosts at Lowry Bridge Recreation Site for many years. Because permitted fishing outfitters utilize the site for river access, permit revenue is utilized to reimburse the hosts. Through the assistance of the camp hosts, the LFO provides the public with a clean, safe, and enjoyable site for camping, floating, and commercial fishing opportunities. In FY22, the Field Office utilized SRP revenue for camp host living expenses.

Amount Expended: \$1,350.00

Recreation Fee Dollars

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.

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



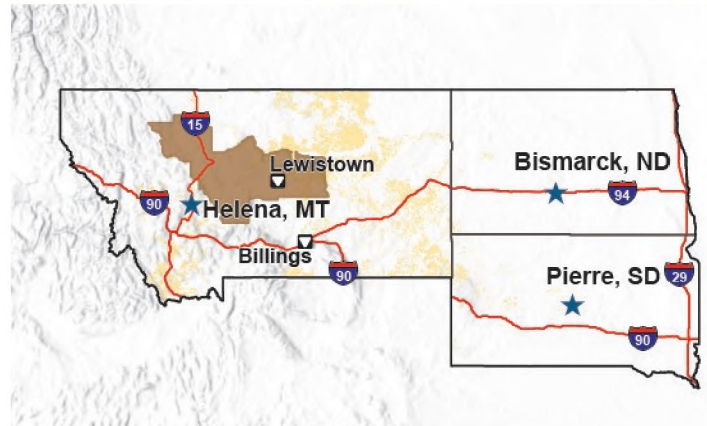
Other Accomplishments

Provided logistical support of camp hosts.
Monitor operational activities for 24 outfitter and guide SRPs.

Issuance of new SRPs for big game hunting and fishing.
Modifications to outfitter/guide and aviation SRPs per request.

Completed an audit of three SRPs that cost \$5,390.00.

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:	\$28,996.12
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$12,100.30
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$960.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$13,060.30

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$9,574.12
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,350.40
Collections/Overhead	\$5,390.93
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$16,315.45



Planned Activities



Musselshell Breaks

The Musselshell River Breaks is a desirable area for the hunting outfitter industry. Through the revenue generated from special recreation permits from hunting outfitters, the Lewistown Field Office plans to install two vault toilets to promote human health and safety. Several BLM-permitted outfitters operate in these geographical areas where no restroom facilities presently exist. Evidence of human waste is noticeable at roadside pull-offs and dispersed campsites throughout the area. This project will also benefit the public need on a year-round basis. The Field Office has been saving previous fiscal year revenue to fund this project.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$500.00
Visitor Services	\$2,500.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$3,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$25,740.97
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$12,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Lewistown Field Office collaborates with a variety of community groups that are interested in various recreational pursuits. User groups include hikers, mountain bikers, conservation groups that focus on wildlife habitat enhancement, and local Backcountry Horsemen chapters. Several of these groups enter into volunteer agreements with the Field Office to support annual field projects and these groups, through their own channels of communication, advertise the Central Montana recreational opportunities to other interest groups. Past projects focused on trail clearing, tread work, and fence and gate construction. These special interest groups, and the volunteer activities that they engage in, provide meaningful involvement for their group members. Community based projects on BLM land requiring NEPA analysis, require the consideration of environmental justice during the planning process. The Socio-Economic Profile Tool and the EPA's EJScreen are used during the planning process to identify environmental justice populations and for conducting an environmental justice analysis.

