



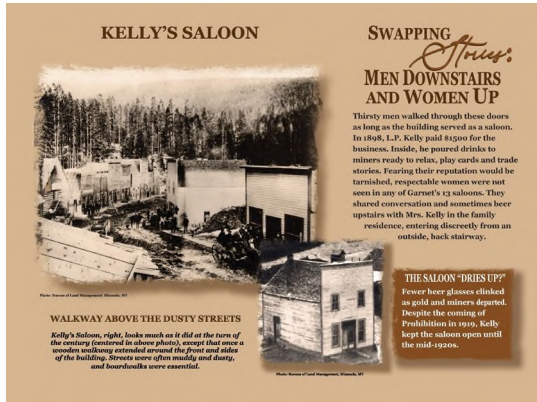
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Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Garnet Interpretation



Kelly's Saloon Interp Panel - Garnet Ghost Town

Faded, cracked, and missing. The BLM Missoula Field Office (MiFO) has moved forward with updating Garnet Ghost Town's interpretive signage. This project provides the 30,000+ annual visitors of Garnet with a more complete and in depth understanding of the historic mining town's past. Utilizing fee revenue, the BLM was able to research, redesign, and reprint 35 interpretive panels.

Amount Expended: \$2,371.00

Blackfoot River Recreation



Blackfoot River Float-In Campsite Visit

5 new float-in campsites were established along the Blackfoot River. This complements our State Land Management Partnership and their 5 campsites. Fee revenue was applied to purchase a new raft for monitoring and compliance, as well as additional training and equipment for boat operators. This project gives the public an enhanced recreation opportunity in a highly desirable area otherwise closed to camping.

Amount Expended: \$10,271.00

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

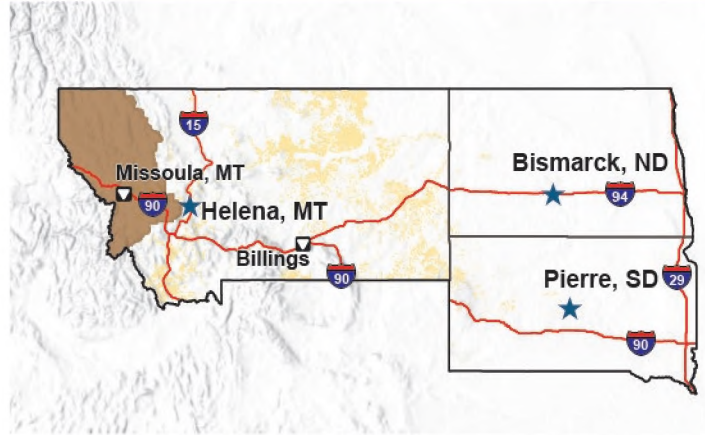
Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.



Other Accomplishments

In FY2022, fee revenue was also spent on Garnet Ghost Town volunteer reimbursement, equipment, supplies, and seasonal labor.

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:	\$48,841.77
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$28,863.06
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$26,740.25
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$7,360.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$62,963.31

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$11,047.81
Visitor Services	\$20,684.92
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$6,994.90
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$38,727.63



Planned Activities



Garnet Ghost Town

Garnet Ghost Town receives over 30,000 visitors from mid-May through mid-October. With decreasing budgets, increasing visitation, and longer visitation seasons the majority of fee revenue will be used to pay for seasonal labor, volunteer reimbursements, and supplies in FY23.

Maintenance and upgrades to the current parking areas are also proposed for this site.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$1,500.00
Visitor Services	\$55,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$1,500.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$6,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$64,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$73,077.45
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$65,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The BLM Missoula Field Office has a long history of working with partners to provide recreational opportunities on public lands including but not limited to; hunting, fishing, camping, river activities, rock climbing, pleasure drives, and touring the abandoned historic town. Those partners include Garnet Preservation Association, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, and multiple private land owners in the Blackfoot River Recreation Corridor. These recreational opportunities enhance economic benefits to the local communities by bringing visitors from more urban areas in Montana and all over the country. In addition, some of the recreational activities provide excellent educational opportunities for youth from local schools.

