



New Trail Sign Installation



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Recently, the North Dakota field office made great strides in improving the hiking experience for visitors of the Schnell Recreation Area. Thirty new trail junction signs have been installed, providing clear and easy-to-follow directions for hikers. Additionally, two trail head site signs have been put in place, making it easier for visitors to locate the starting points of their chosen trails. These improvements demonstrate the office's commitment to enhancing the recreation opportunities for those who visit the Schnell Recreation Area and ensuring their visit is safe and enjoyable.

Trail Bridge Construction



Trail Bridge at Schnell Recreation Area

The North Dakota field office has made a significant improvement to the Schnell Recreation Area by constructing a trail bridge. The new bridge provides visitors with better access across a flowing creek, allowing them to safely continue their hiking adventures without interruption. The construction of the trail bridge demonstrates the office's dedication to enhancing the recreational opportunities for those who visit the Schnell Recreation Area and ensuring that their experiences are safe, accessible, and enjoyable.

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

Although no additional projects were completed using the FLREA funds, the office remains dedicated to exploring new ways to improve the recreational experiences of those who visit the Schnell Recreation Area and other public lands.

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:	\$5,523.35
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$1,048.33
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,240.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$2,288.33

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



Planned Activities



Schnell Recreation Area Entrance Sign

For FY23 NDFO is planning to purchase a new riding lawn mower for maintenance at the Schnell Recreation Campground Area.

The estimated amount will be \$6000 in addition to other equipment trade-in value.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,000.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$6,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$7,811.68
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$2,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The North Dakota field office is actively working to connect with the local community and meet the goals of its strategy through the Schnell Recreation Area. Located just outside of Richardton, ND and near I-94, the recreation area provides a range of non-motorized recreational activities such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, hunting, and fishing. This provides not only local residents but also visitors traveling through with opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. To continue providing high-quality visitor experiences, the field office is proposing the use of FLREA funds to purchase a new riding lawn mower for the maintenance of the campground. This will help ensure that the site remains well-maintained, safe, and inviting for all visitors to enjoy.



