



MONTANA_DAKOTAS South Dakota

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

New Well Pump Installed



Well Rig Installing New Well Pump

The potable water well system at the Fort Meade Recreation Area was replaced this season after the original well pump of 31 years was struck by lightning. Having funds available for unexpected projects such as this is crucial to keeping the recreation opportunities available to the public with little interruption. The well provides potable water to the campgrounds, and water to fill livestock tanks, so we were able to leverage \$12,217 FLREA revenue with funds collected from grazing leases.

Amount Expended: \$12,217.00

Campground and Trail Maintenance



Trail Maintenance on the Fort Meade Recreation Area

When visitors come to the 7,000-acre Fort Meade Recreation Area, they will find well maintained and clean sites and trails to enjoy. Funding collected from the campgrounds and SRP events are utilized each year for maintenance of the trails and campgrounds. The Recreation Area has over 30 miles of single-track trail, two campgrounds, and multiple roads that require upkeep throughout the season to keep them safe and usable for the public.

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 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

- Additional trail identification markers.
- Vault toilet cleaning and pumping.
- Trimming of hazard trees in the campgrounds.

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:	\$6,448.85
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$2,286.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$8,491.79
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$260.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$11,037.79

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$12,217.78
Visitor Services	\$1,207.51
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$13,425.29



Planned Activities



Pour concrete pad in front of new vault toilet.

Some of the planned activities for the upcoming season at the Fort Meade Recreation area:

- Install horse corrals at the Alkali Creek Horse Camp.
- Place new reflective trail markers on the 7th Cavalry Trail System signposts.
- Pour concrete pads in front of vault toilets.
- Add one additional accessible campsite at the Alkali Creek Campground and one at the Horse Camp.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,000.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$1,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$7,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$4,061.35
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$12,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Bureau of Land Management - South Dakota Field Office has worked with the City of Sturgis on multiple special recreation events throughout the years. The most recent event, the Music on Main Mountain Bike Series, has been well received and continues to grow each and every year. The City of Sturgis holds an event that utilizes the BLM 7th Cavalry Trail System every Wednesday night for 8 weeks throughout the summer which has grown to over 135 participants per race for a total of 1050 participants throughout the series. With the popularity of this event, which features a music concert series to coincide with the races, it brings in people from all parts of the country who are introduced to what our public lands have to offer.

