



# NEVADA

## Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

Red Rock/Sloan Field Office

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

#### Data Collection Through TRAFx



*Infrared trail counter installed in yucca*

Field staff purchased and deployed 37 trail and vehicle counters throughout the NCA this year to collect visitor number data in areas outside the Scenic Drive. Infrared counters installed on trails get a total number of visitors by detecting anyone that crosses the infrared beam, and magnetic vehicle counters track vehicle passes on various routes. This data is paramount in utilizing science, local knowledge, and volunteers to effectively manage the NCA.

**Amount Expended: \$12,000.00**

#### NEPA for Lost Creek Boardwalk



*Current condition of Lost Creek Boardwalk*

NEPA analysis was completed paving the way to rebuild the dangerously aging Lost Creek boardwalk. The boardwalk is a premier site for large groups such as schools and various interpretation and education programs. The boardwalk has fallen into disrepair in recent years and the new boardwalk will offer world class interpretation and education opportunities in a sustainable manner for larger groups as well as casual users. The new design will fit within the existing boardwalk footprint.

**Amount Expended: \$20,000.00**

### 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/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

Analyzed and designed multiple ABA/ADA compliant restroom facilities. Purchased wag bags in more primitive locations to safely address human waste.

Purchased 12 animal proof waste receptacles to place throughout the Scenic Loop within the NCA. Replaced perimeter fence at Wheeler Camp Spring Trailhead and improved parking quality to foster more available spots.

Completed the Calico Basin RAMP and continued planning efforts for the Cottonwood Valley and La Madre Foothills RAMPs.

Mapped 40-50 miles of social trails throughout the NCA and placed trail finding signs through the designated trail system.

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)  
<https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrea-revenue>

[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:	\$1,571,596.40
<b>FY22 Revenue</b>	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$4,232,487.09
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$201,090.11
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$123,120.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:</b>	<b>\$4,556,697.20</b>

<b>FY22 Expenditures</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$914,424.63
Visitor Services	\$1,201,853.01
Law Enforcement	\$6,455.15
Habitat Restoration	\$792,849.49
Collections/Overhead	\$556,300.69
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:</b>	<b>\$3,471,882.97</b>



Planned Activities



*Typical visitor experience at Red Rock*

- Complete the climbing route inventory.
- Hosting public meetings for recreation projects.
- Septic tank design and construction.
- Replace the HVAC systems in the visitor center.
- ADA trail from fee booth to visitor center.
- Update, replace, and install interpretive kiosks, bike infrastructure, maps, and visitor information throughout the NCA.
- Begin initial stages in an official science plan.
- Fee station expansion.
- Complete Cottonwood Valley RAMP EA.
- Finish the Core Area SRP Programmatic EA.
- OFM recreation outcomes surveys.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$1,500,635.00
Visitor Services	\$2,200,038.00
Law Enforcement	\$10,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$195,937.00
Collections/Overhead	\$611,929.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:</b>	<b>\$4,518,539.00</b>
<b>Carryover Funds To FY23:</b>	<b>\$2,656,410.63</b>
<b>FY23 Projected Revenue:</b>	<b>\$4,366,290.00</b>

Connecting with Communities

Red Rock Canyon NCA has continued and grown its partnership with Friends of Red Rock (FORR). FORR is the nation’s first formal partnership between volunteers and the BLM dating back to 1984. The first half of Fiscal Year 2022 shared many of the same challenges as FY21 with uncertainty around Covid-19, but the BLM and FORR worked together to begin setting stage for a robust year of accomplishments. Friends of RR acted as general support to the Volunteer Program at Red Rock NCA and played a significant role in managing the Volgistics online database. FORR additionally provided ongoing volunteer teams such as: light trail maintenance, canyon clean-up, desert tortoise, hummingbirds, graffiti removal, and various other teams. In addition to ongoing volunteering, Friends provided support for hosting multiple volunteer day events such as National Public Lands Day, MLK Day, National Trails Day, and Earth Day. Additionally, FORR helped secure funding and contracting for the development of a Recreation Area Management Plan in the La Madre Mountain Foothills area in Northwest Las Vegas.

