



# NEW MEXICO

## Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks

National Monument

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

#### Aguirre Spring Grill Installation



*New Grill Installation*

Many of the grills located at the campsites at Aguirre Spring were in much need of repair and/or replacement. Sixteen of the 55 sites received new grills. The remaining grills were repaired to provide the visiting public a safe and enjoyable picnicking experience.

**Amount Expended: \$5,000.00**

#### Interpretive Sign Installation



*Historic Buildings Interpretive Sign Installation*

New interpretive signs were installed at the Dripping Spring Natural Area. The attached photo is of a sign that was installed near the Boyd building at Dripping Springs. Additional cantilever signs were installed by Modoc Mine along the Crawford Trail.

**Amount Expended: \$7,000.00**

### 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

- An additional cantilever-style bilingual interpretive sign was installed at the historic Lodge building at Dripping Springs.
- Installed new septic tank to replace 1980s version to service restrooms at Dripping Springs Natural Area Visitor Center.
- Maintained access road to Doña Ana Mountains providing miles of equestrian, pedestrian, mechanized, and motorized trails.
- Volunteers staffing at recreation sites, visitor centers, and conducting trail patrol and maintenance.
- Monitoring of permitted activities and visitor use; and fence maintenance at developed recreation sites.

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)  
<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:	\$189,464.29
<b>FY22 Revenue</b>	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$153,326.50
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$17,470.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:</b>	<b>\$170,796.50</b>

<b>FY22 Expenditures</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$62,642.10
Visitor Services	\$21,105.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$100.63
Collections/Overhead	\$3,212.91
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:</b>	<b>\$87,060.64</b>



Planned Activities



*KIOSK AND INFORMATION PANEL INSTALLATION*

- Partner with Friends Group to construct a portion of La Cueva Trail to be ADA compliant.
- Complete new well installation at Dripping Springs for potable water to public restrooms, visitor center, and government housing.
- Complete kiosks and information panel installations at Drippings Springs Recreation Area and Aguirre Spring Campground.
- Produce bilingual panels for kiosks with new BLM look and feel, including maps with 2019 wilderness designation.
- Trail maintenance on National Recreation Trails. Monitoring of visitor use and permitted activities.
- Volunteer site hosts and volunteer staffing of visitor centers and recreation sites.
- Graffiti removal and clean-up from reoccurring vandalism.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$115,000.00
Visitor Services	\$50,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>
<b>Carryover Funds To FY23:</b>	<b>\$273,200.15</b>
<b>FY23 Projected Revenue:</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>

Connecting with Communities

The installation of trail signs, interpretive plaques, and markers provides the public and site visitors with clear information about the area. These signs are all published in English and Spanish for the local and visiting public.

The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument partnered with the BLM New Mexico State Office and Public Lands Interpretive Association to offer local, underserved middle school students an opportunity to experience their local public lands. The program worked in two phases: a classroom visit and a field site visit. For the classroom portion, staff visited classes where they educated students on the local history, local flora and fauna, Leave No Trace, wilderness stewardship, and responsible recreation on public lands. The second phase was a field trip to Dripping Springs Natural Area where student could walk through the visitor center, participate in an outdoor lesson at the La Cueva Group Site, and hike on the La Cueva or Drippings Springs trails. The field trip enabled the students to apply thier classroom lesson in a real-life setting.

