



# NEW MEXICO

## Taos

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Field Office

#### River Monitoring



Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River

A Rio Chama camp host spent a second season completing compliance checks on commercial and private river trip launches and controlling congestion at the boat ramps for those launching onto the Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River. Camp host duties included monitoring group size, the number of dogs and number and type of boats for each permit which will be used to help develop future river management plans. This has resulted in cost savings in time and money for the river program.

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

#### Fall Fish Fiesta



Biology Station at Fall Fish Fiesta

Santa Cruz Lake hosted a public interpretive event earlier this Fall. The event was attended by approximately 65 visitors. Children learned how to cast a fishing rod, saw micro and macroinvertebrates present in Santa Cruz Lake, learned about mammals in New Mexico, talked about boating and fishing safety, and learned about how they could protect the landscape with Leave No Trace principals. BLM partnered with New Mexico State Parks to provide information about the proper use of life jackets.

**Amount Expended: \$2,000.00**

### 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

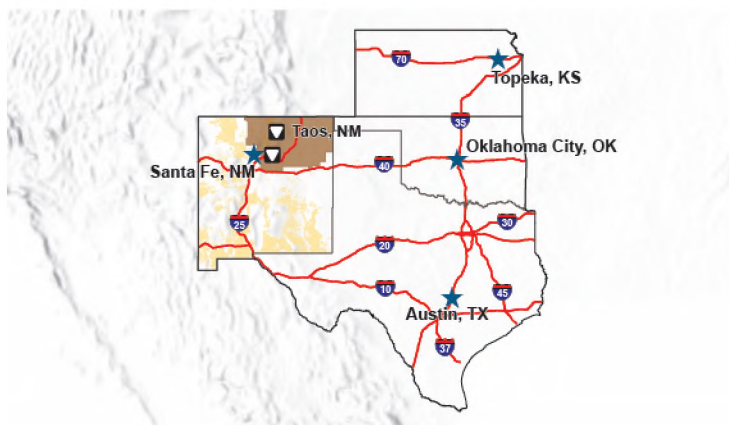
*Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.*



Other Accomplishments

- Toilet pumping and addition of a portable toilet at Diablo Canyon Trailhead
- Visitor contact and maintenance with volunteer camp hosts, Park Managers and Park Rangers
- Law Enforcement patrols

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:	\$144,417.24
<b>FY22 Revenue</b>	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$70,000.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$52,189.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$17,658.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:</b>	<b>\$139,847.00</b>

<b>FY22 Expenditures</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$43,096.31
Visitor Services	\$67,537.00
Law Enforcement	\$27,439.41
Habitat Restoration	\$6,826.51
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:</b>	<b>\$144,899.23</b>



Planned Activities



Picnic Shelter at Rio Grande del Norte National Monument

- Roof repair on Wild Rivers toilet
- Septic repair at Rio Grande Visitor Center
- Replace heating unit at Santa Cruz Lake Contact Station
- Purchase ATV for off-road Santa Cruz Lake patrols
- Additional Repairs to Petaca Campground
- Repairing recreations sites that are to be added to Recreation.gov
- Rio Bravo Toilet Repair
- Purchase signs
- Trail Maintenance

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$111,500.00
Visitor Services	\$143,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$10,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$65,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$27,200.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:</b>	<b>\$356,700.00</b>
<b>Carryover Funds To FY23:</b>	<b>\$139,365.01</b>
<b>FY23 Projected Revenue:</b>	<b>\$230,000.00</b>

Connecting with Communities

Part of the strategy within the BLM Recreation and Visitor Services Program is to connect with communities, making the benefits of recreation more accessible to communities while supporting local social, economic, and environmental goals. In 2022, the BLM met External Goal 1. Support Community Service Providers While Balancing the Interests of All Public Lands Users and Strategic Focus 1: Proactively Engage with Communities.

In collaboration with local climbing and environmental groups, BLM worked with volunteers to pick up trash, install signs, and repair tread surfaces to access trails to the Rio Grande and to climbing walls. BLM also completed work to repair damage from flooding and erosion to parking and camping areas. Work also included reinstallation of vehicles barriers preventing off road route proliferation and installation of a portable toilet.

