



OREGON_WASHINGTON Baker

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Spring Rec



2022 National Public Lands Day (NPLD)

Spring Rec is Baker Field Office's only fee site with 25 campsites, a boat launch, five restrooms, and a fish cleaning station. Spring Rec is located at the south end of the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. Catfish and crappie mixed with largemouth bass make this area a popular fishing destination. Funds generated from Spring Rec's fees are spent on cleaning supplies, toilet paper, trash service, and a camp host. Collected fees also supported a 2022 NPLD with volunteers.

Amount Expended: \$8,093.00

Wallowa & Grande Ronde River



Mud Creek Boat Launch Improvements

Mud Creek is a popular boat launch on the Wallowa & Grande Ronde River near the boundary to BLM lands. The BLM cooperates with the State of Oregon and the USDA Forest Service to manage this 58-mile stretch of river operations, which is entirely patrolled by BLM River Rangers. We meet in both spring and fall to communicate ideas and discuss future river projects. We are working to leverage collected recreation fees for future site improvements to the existing river operations facility at Minam.

Amount Expended: \$15,378.00

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.



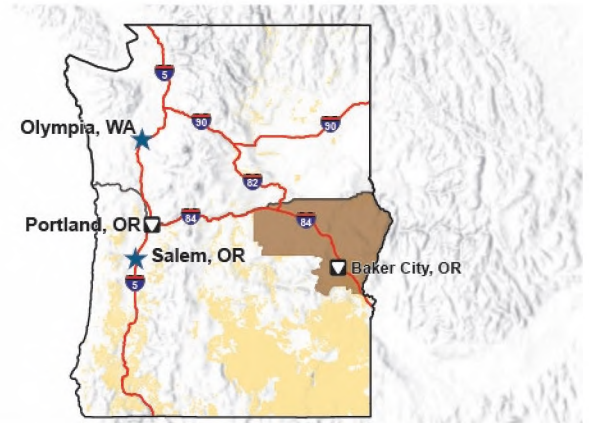
Other Accomplishments

A new vault toilet was installed replacing the older style one at the site.

A Ranger was hired to support the operations and maintenance to recreation sites on the district.

We held a National Public Lands Day volunteer event at Spring Rec in 2022. Sites were brushed and over 900 pounds of debris was removed.

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:	\$54,856.00
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$7,053.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$1,965.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$9,018.00

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$9,723.00
Visitor Services	\$22,307.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$32,030.00



Planned Activities



Replace Signs at Recreation Sites on the District

Future planned site improvements include increased patrols and updating our sign inventory. Sign ordering has begun and future plans are to order and replace all of the signs at Spring Rec and on the Wallowa & Grande Ronde River. In 2022, we added a maintenance ranger to our staff, which has given us an extra hand, allowing flexibility to combining forces to accomplish maintenance and improvement projects. The collected recreation fees will also help us support the labor costs for the seasonal River Rangers. We are actively recruiting for a Camp Host in 2023, which is primarily supported by the collected fees as well.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$10,000.00
Visitor Services	\$10,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$20,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$31,844.00
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$9,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The BLM Baker Field Office works with individuals, partners, and local organizations to provide a quality recreation experience. There are several small towns that rely on the economic boost that tourism provides. A steady increase in outdoor recreation is the trend in our area and our emphasis is connecting the BLM to both local and out of state visitors. The BLM lands within the Baker Field Office provide a niche in the recreation experience spectrum that is hard to replicate in other areas. There is a sense of isolation and seclusion that a visitor can find that is unique to camping in our area that feels off the grid compared to more developed recreation areas.

