



# OREGON\_WASHINGTON Grants Pass

Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

### The Rogue River Ranch



Rogue River Ranch

The Rogue River Ranch is nestled in the heart of the Wild & Scenic Rogue River and is considered a gem because of its beauty and rich cultural history. Remotely located, it requires an on-site caretaker to keep the facilities and grounds maintained and open to the public. A new volunteer with the right skillset was found on Volunteer.gov to take over operations this year. Having someone on site literally saves lives when search and rescue operations occur near the river corridor.

**Amount Expended: \$10,000.00**

### Purchases and Dealing with SCAT



Purchases for the River

In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, a refurbished scat machine was purchased and replaced the old broken down one, located at the Foster Bar take out on the Rogue Wild and Scenic River. When working properly, human waste canisters can properly be cleaned at the end of a river trip and immediately be ready for service on the next trip. In addition, a medium sized raft, frame, oars, and accessories were added to the inventory so River Rangers can navigate variable flows of the river.

**Amount Expended: \$18,000.00**

## Recreation Fee Dollars

*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.*

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



Other Accomplishments

The BLM partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to install and maintain bear fences in all high capacity/high profile camp sites.

Combined law enforcement floats between the BLM, U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Oregon State Marine Board.

River Rangers conducted monitoring and compliance floats and served as the eyes, ears, and hands of the river.

Fulltime staffing between May 15- and October 15 to administer float permits.

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

<b>End of Year Carryover:</b>	<b>\$499,071.00</b>
<b>FY22 Revenue</b>	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$420.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$358,283.00
Interagency Passes	\$80.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:</b>	<b>\$358,783.00</b>

<b>FY22 Expenditures</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$68,755.00
Visitor Services	\$65,846.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$338,984.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,642.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:</b>	<b>\$480,227.00</b>



Planned Activities



Sufficient Staffing

Plan to hire additional employees to staff the Visitor Center and issue permits, conduct patrols, and provide maintenance at river recreation sites. There is a higher demand on the land and water with more recreating public. Additional multi-agency floats will be organized to leverage resources, including staff and supplies. The goal is to have a more diverse presence on the river and to address concerns such as hunting/fishing violations and resource degradation. Future purchases could include a jetboat to patrol the Recreation Section of the river and provide education, compliance checks, and search and rescue support to the public and other agencies. \$50,000 to \$60,000 for jetboat, 4-5 additional Rangers

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$180,000.00
Visitor Services	\$120,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$10,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$120,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$20,000.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:</b>	<b>\$450,000.00</b>
<b>Carryover Funds To FY23:</b>	<b>\$377,627.00</b>
<b>FY23 Projected Revenue:</b>	<b>\$360,000.00</b>

Connecting with Communities

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Humane Society, BLM, and U.S. Forest Service proactively addressed bear concerns by finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding that defines the roles and responsibilities for each agency involved. In addition, a pilot bear cannister loaner program was initiated with Orange Torpedo Outfitters to address potential bear and hiker conflicts on the Rogue River National Scenic Trail.

