



OREGON_WASHINGTON Wenatchee

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Outhouse Pumping Contract



Big Pines Outhouse

The BLM Wenatchee Field Office (WFO) spends recreation fee money each year on a contract to pump outhouses at BLM’s four Yakima River Canyon recreation sites and Liberty campground, a total of 16 outhouses. Outhouses are pumped twice per year by a local contractor at a cost of approximately \$22,000/year. This “must do” contract is one example of the maintenance and operations projects accomplished using recreation fee money, keeping sites running smoothly.

Amount Expended: \$21,000.00

Installation of Umtanum ROK



New Umtanum ROK

The BLM WFO installed a Remote Offgrid Kiosk (ROK) remote pay station unit at the Umtanum Recreation Site in the Yakima River Canyon of central Washington state on May 11, 2022. The Umtanum ROK is the second ROK unit that BLM has installed in the Yakima River Canyon (Roza was the first location in 2021). Both ROK units have been popular with the public, who have appreciated another option to pay the BLM site use fees. ROK unit cost: \$7,000 + \$2,500 annual service fee.

Amount Expended: \$9,500.00

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

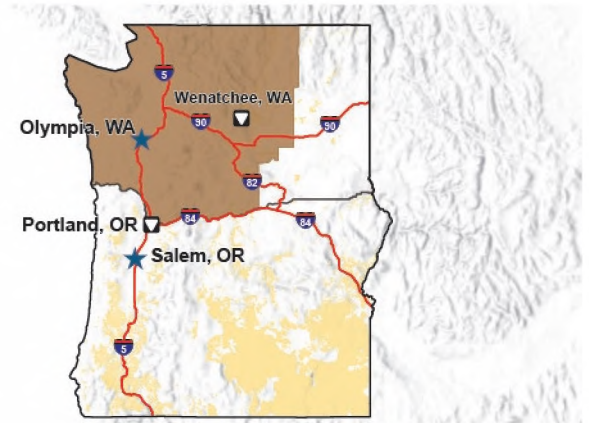
Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.



Other Accomplishments

- Road repairs at BLM Liberty campground.
- Recreation facilities improvements, repairs and maintenance (installed bench, painted outhouses).
- Supplemental summer law enforcement contract with Kittitas County.
- Replaced wheelstops at Split Rock recreation site.
- Reimbursement of campground host.

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:	\$252,229.97
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$181,883.83
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$5,814.88
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,180.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$188,878.71

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$93,474.87
Visitor Services	\$29,142.40
Law Enforcement	\$92,349.04
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$8,799.23
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$223,765.54



Planned Activities



New outhouse installation

- Install recreation site entrance gates
- Install new double outhouse unit at Big Pines
- Outhouse pumping contract
- Supplemental summer law enforcement contract with Kittitas County
- ROK service agreements
- Big Pines, Lmuma ice damage repair

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$183,000.00
Visitor Services	\$30,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$90,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$8,700.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$311,700.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$217,343.14
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$180,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Wenatchee field office's Big Pines Campground suffered significant damage just a year and a half ago due to a windstorm that knocked down nearly two dozen trees, including 13 large diameter Ponderosa pines, which provided shade to visitors in the arid desert landscape. The loss of these trees was felt deeply by the countless campers who frequent the campground, the busiest in Washington State. However, local volunteers stepped up to make a difference. On November 13th, 160 Ponderosa pine seedlings were planted by a collaboration of various community organizations, including local scouting groups, Master Hunters, Selah High School Environmental club, Yakima Community College, Kittitas Field and Stream Club, Trout Unlimited, and several local families. Despite many of the volunteers being newcomers to the area, they were eager and enthusiastic in planting trees, spreading mulch, removing Russian thistle, cleaning up litter, and sowing grass seed at both Big Pines and Umtanum campgrounds. Everyone is excited for the future, where they will enjoy the shade provided by the newly planted trees in Yakima Canyon.

