



UTAH Moab River Program

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Field Office

Westwater Ranger Station



Congested Boat Ramp

The Westwater Ranger Station is remote, but it is a busy location. Boaters take out from the permitted Ruby Horsethief section and put in for the Westwater Canyon section. There is a campground with 12 sites, a public water system, and two boat ramps. The Kokopelli's Trail and numerous popular mountain bike and motorized trails draw visitors to this area. Rangers manage the boat ramps, conduct permit compliance checks, patrol the canyon and Utah Rims SRMA uplands, and perform visitor contacts.

Amount Expended: \$80,000.00

Rocky Rapid on the Moab Daily



Additional Shade Shelter at Rocky Rapid

Commercial and private boaters are enjoying a second shade shelter at Rocky Rapid. This location is popular as the halfway point on the Moab Daily section of the Colorado River and is used as a put-in and take-out. Shade is important in the hot desert. The new shelter matches the adjacent one. People can rest at a picnic table under the shelters. During construction, the BLM Maintenance Crew received many compliments and expressions of gratitude for their skills and efforts.

Amount Expended: \$12,000.00

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

Designated Otter Bar and New Rapid new campsites. Road repairs at Westwater site.

Student Conservation Association intern was hosted in partnership with Canyonlands Natural History Association (CNHA).

BLM hosted a river trip with Moab Valley Multicultural Center and permittee OARS. CNHA produced a video highlighting the trip.

Dispersed camp site locations were inventoried in Two Rivers SRMA. Environmental review was completed to allow camping only in designated sites to reduce damage.

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

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| End of Year Carryover: | \$74,050.00 |
| *FY22 Revenue | |
| Recreation Use Permits (RUPs) | \$0.00 |
| Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) | \$0.00 |
| Individual Special Recreation Permits | \$342,947.00 |
| Interagency Passes | \$0.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22: | \$342,947.00 |

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| *FY22 Expenditures | |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$34,340.64 |
| Visitor Services | \$85,776.92 |
| Law Enforcement | \$39,864.17 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$47,519.29 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$0.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22: | \$207,501.02 |

**The Moab Field Office has identified and is working to resolve some accounting issues with the Moab River Program account – carryover/revenue/expenses are incorrectly displaying as part of other recreation fee accounts.*



Planned Activities



Caging Cottonwood Trees at Little Hole Camp

- Replace privacy fence between Ranger Station office and boathouse (\$22,000)
- Replace UTV (\$20,000)
- Toilet pumping and dumpster rental and dumping (shared with UT01/ UT08) (\$40,000)
- Install bike maintenance stand (\$2000)
- Install 4 individual site shade shelters (\$10,000)
- Conduct non-native vegetation removal trip (\$10,000)
- Install new information signs at each boat ramp (\$3000)
- Install WSR signs at Green River access points (\$5000)
- Coordination with FFSL (\$2000)
- Patrols and designated camp site maintenance (\$5000)
- OARS and Multicultural Center trip (\$1000)
- Salt Valley camp site improvement for access (\$1000)
- Coordination with Price and Grand Junction (\$5000)
- UDOT partnership (\$5000)

FY23 Planned Expenditures

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| Repair & Maintenance | \$32,807.00 |
| Visitor Services | \$8,000.00 |
| Law Enforcement | \$20,000.00 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$13,000.00 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$103,000.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23: | \$176,807.00 |
| Carryover Funds To FY23: | \$209,496.00 |
| FY23 Projected Revenue: | \$343,000.00 |

Connecting with Communities

The BLM lands that surround the community of Moab are home to the Colorado River, which is popular year-round, especially from April to November. This corridor hosted approximately 100,000 commercial and private boaters in 2022. The permitted commercial outfitters enjoy the opportunity to generate revenue and private recreationists engage in boating of all types, including floating on stand-up paddle boards, using motorized craft, camping in the developed campgrounds and in the primitive sites on river right, swimming, and day use. Many local youth float the river with Canyonlands Field Institute, the Youth Garden Project, and OARS as part of school trips, community offerings, and summer camps. Each September, BLM partners with permittees, local residents, and State of Utah agencies for a trash clean-up trip. BLM also administers an Access Program that works with adaptive sports organizations and educational institutions to get underserved populations out on the water and learning about their public lands.

