

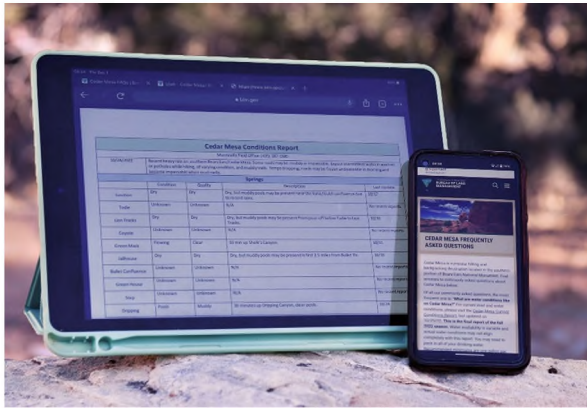


UTAH Monticello

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Field Office

Cedar Mesa Conditions Online



Water and Trail Conditions on the BLM Website

The BLM Monticello Field Office (MtFO) has been improving the Cedar Mesa permit system by moving reservations online with the Recreation.gov website and streamlining permit delivery during the pandemic. However, the Cedar Mesa phone line and Ranger Station were still the only places to get up-to-date information about water and trail conditions. In FY22, the MtFO used recreation fee program funds to develop a process to provide the public with up-to-date online information to assist in planning their trip.

Amount Expended: \$15,000.00

Recapture OHV Trails



Trail Section Improved in FY22

In FY22, the MtFO made major strides in implementing the Recapture off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails project. This included grading and delineating parking areas as well as improving trails to make them safe and easy to follow. Next steps in this project include working with local OHV enthusiasts to develop and post permanent trailhead signage to emphasize Tread Lightly! and Visit with Respect information.

Amount Expended: \$35,000.00

Recreation Fee Dollars

They support and enhance:

- Maintenance, repair, and facility improvement 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 hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography;
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation; and
- 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 Achievements

Three river rangers performed vital safety check-ins for the San Juan River and assisted approximately 10,000 campers at Sand Island.

Three park rangers staffed the Kane Gulch Ranger Station, providing visitors with information on trails and water conditions.

Two law enforcement officers monitored recreation and special recreation permitted activities throughout the Field Office.

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:	\$705,330.86
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$152,365.93
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$314,711.85
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$461,506.20
Interagency Passes	\$160.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$928,743.98

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$79,945.66
Visitor Services	\$525,643.98
Law Enforcement	\$206,241.11
Habitat Restoration	\$118,045.80
Collections/Overhead	\$89,906.08
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$1,019,782.63



Planned Activities



Portable Toilets Protect Resources During Planning

In FY23, the MtFO has entered into an assistance agreement with the Bears Ears Partnership (BEP, formerly Friends of Cedar Mesa) to enhance recreation experiences within the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM). The project includes developing and printing interpretive materials such as signs and maps, contracting with the Ancestral Lands Corps (ALC, a Native Youth Conservation Corps) to maintain trails and improve trailheads, and purchasing and installing portable toilets in key locations where visitation has outpaced facility development. In addition to visitor safety and convenience, these projects protect the irreplaceable cultural resources of BENM with visitor education.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$80,000.00
Visitor Services	\$530,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$200,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$120,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$90,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$1,020,000.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$614,292.21
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$900,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The MtFO partners with several organizations in order to engage with communities in and around BENM. The Access Fund partnership focuses on in-person climber education through climber stewards and events in Indian Creek. Climber coffee events occur weekly in the spring and fall. They focus on topics such as avoiding climbing on or near rock imagery and structures, the importance of not climbing in raptor avoidance areas during the nesting season, and responsible disposal of human waste. This is a truly interdisciplinary effort that has involved BLM resource specialists, park rangers, and even maintenance staff, who developed a beanbag game to explain human waste issues in a fun and engaging way.

The MtFO partners with the BEP to hire Native youth through the ALC. The priority for these projects is to protect resources and provide education and employment opportunities on ancestral lands including BENM. In the fall of FY22, BLM archeologists and park rangers joined ALC crews to place stanchions to help visitors see archeological sites without stepping on or displacing fragile structures and artifacts.

