



UTAH Richfield

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Field Office

Gunnison Reservoir Project



One of Two Shade Structures at Gunnison Reservoir

In 2022 the Richfield Field Office (RFO) was able to install shade structures at Gunnison Reservoir. The work was performed by staff at the Richfield Field Office. These two new structures provide shade and rest for recreationalists who are riding the Manti West Mountain Bike Trail System in addition to boaters and swimmers utilizing Gunnison Reservoir. Recreation fees supported labor for project grant writing, design, and construction.

Amount Expended: \$1,785.00

Saul's Meadow Campground Progress



Vault Toilet at Saul's Meadow Campground

In 2022, the RFO made great progress on the Saul's Meadow Campground. Our partner Sevier County hauled material for the roads, parking, and campsites. BLM operators built roads and campsites. A double vault toilet was installed, and progress was made on the frisbee golf course utilizing recreation fees. This money was used as a match in securing a \$95,000.00 grant from the State of Utah's Office of Outdoor Recreation. The Paiute Trail Committee also provided a \$5,000.00 kiosk that was installed by BLM staff.

Amount Expended: \$16,706.47

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

Labor Funding – Recreation Staff, Temporary Staffing, and Front Office Staff.

Campground Water Samples – Collection, Water Sample Supplies, and Testing.

Recreation Cleaning Contract – Janitorial services for recreation sites within the Henry Mountains Field Station.

Facility Supplies – RFO provides janitorial supplies for eleven developed recreation sites in the Field Office.

Toilet Maintenance – Vault pumping and routine maintenance at eleven developed recreation sites in the RFO.

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)
<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

End of Year Carryover:	\$121,886.35
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$6,829.45
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$118,345.61
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$980.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$126,155.06

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$20,575.80
Visitor Services	\$1,123.68
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$24.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,785.47
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$23,508.95



Planned Activities



Complete Work on Saul's Meadow Campground

In 2023, the RFO plans to hire a career seasonal employee that will work within recreation program. With the rising costs of cleaning contracts and supplies, the BLM must find flexible solutions to manage facilities for the best public recreation opportunities. This position will also record data that will inform future plans. Additional needs for 2023 include:

- Purchase of an off-highway vehicle to support the Paiute Trail System, Great Western Trail, and proposed Parker Mountain Trail System.
- Funds for unexpected construction costs at Saul's Meadow Campground.
- Matching funds for grants for staff, equipment, and sites.
- Scan and Pay/Recreation.gov equipment for four locations.

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$54,400.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$8,100.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$100,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$162,500.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$224,532.46
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$100,000.00

Connecting with Communities

RFO recreation staff will continue to work with our partner organizations within the communities that we serve. Our recreation staff meets monthly with the Paiute Trail Committee to discuss motorized trail issues with members of the public. We also work closely with local mountain bike trail committees in Richfield and Manti to ensure that the BLM mountain bike trail systems meet quality standards for construction and maintenance. In the Henry Mountain Field Station, our staff meet with the canyoneering, hunting outfitters, and wilderness groups often to ensure the best possible experience.

Our management team meets with the leadership in our neighboring 5 counties on both a recurring and requested basis. They work closely to ensure that community needs are met through the BLM resources and staff. These working relationships are essential to addressing the needs of all people within our communities.

