



UTAH Vernal

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Field Office

Brown's Park Campground Hosts



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The Vernal Field Office (VFO) recruited volunteer campground hosts to assist the BLM in providing visitor services in Brown's Park. In addition to providing janitorial and maintenance at the Indian Crossing and Bridge Hollow Campgrounds, the camp hosts also worked at the Historic John Jarvie Ranch. The volunteers, both retired educators, interacted with the public, provided information to visitors, and gave interpretive tours of the facility while serving as the face of the BLM at the historic site.

Amount Expended: \$6,500.00

Service First Agreement



Monitoring the Green River Service First Agreement

Since 2016, the VFO has been working with the USDA Forest Service to manage the Green River under the Service First Program. This agreement has led to the creation of a management strategy to share staff time, resources, and personnel to provide a visitor experience that is seamless to the public and benefits both agencies.

Amount Expended: \$35,352.76

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

Constructed an accessible path for wheelchair access to toilets at the Pelican Lake Campground.

Funding vault toilet pumping services at recreation sites to help ensure positive visitor experiences.

Purchased portable electronic sign boards to direct visitor access during events and emergencies.

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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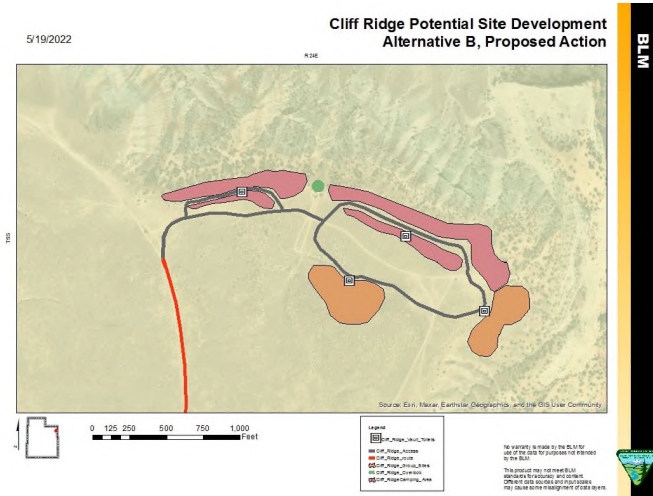
Revenue & Expenditures

End of Year Carryover:	\$722,932.51
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$16,764.32
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$219,704.85
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$4,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$240,469.17

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$56,990.09
Visitor Services	\$43,639.65
Law Enforcement	\$6,247.85
Habitat Restoration	\$36,636.46
Collections/Overhead	\$124,574.65
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$268,088.70



Planned Activities



Cliff Ridge Site Development

The VFO is currently conducting NEPA analysis for several future projects funded and implemented by the recreation fee program:

- Cliff Ridge Campground: \$658,000
- McCoy Flats Campground: \$635,000
- Doc's Beach Site Development: \$658,000
- Pelican Lake Boat Ramp upgrade: \$230,000
- Middle Green River Boat Ramps: \$82,500
- Swallow Canyon Boat Ramp: \$72,000
- Bridge Hollow Boat Ramp upgrade: \$27,500
- Upgraded picnic tables for Indian Crossing Campground: \$16,939

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$43,692.00
Visitor Services	\$47,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$6,294.85
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$127,041.85
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$224,028.70
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$695,312.98
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$250,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The VFO manages a wide variety of recreation and visitor opportunities, including the McCoy Flats mountain bike trail system, Red Fleet downhill trail system, developed camping, hiking, hunting, OHV use, and recreation on the Green River. Plans to expand recreation and visitor services are ongoing, and the development of these sites would not be possible without well-developed community partnerships. The local OHV group and mountain bike groups provide invaluable contributions to motorized and non-motorized recreation. Developed recreation projects often cross jurisdictional boundaries, and partnerships with local, county and state groups and are critical components to the successful completion of these extensive projects. Recreation along the Green River is especially important to the economic security of residents in Daggett County, Utah. Working together, the BLM, the USDA Forest Service, the communities of the Dutch John, Utah, area, and local and county governments provide a seamless experience for visitor recreation along the Green River. Our ongoing partnership with Uintah County, Utah, has also led to many new visitor and OHV opportunities.

