



WYOMING Buffalo

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Partnering on Red Grade Trails



Aspens Trailhead Parking Lot at Red Grade

The BLM BFO has worked extensively with the Sheridan Community Land Trust (SCLT) to design ~5 miles of hiking and biking trails and one parking area/trailhead on the Red Grade parcel. The whole trail system falls on State, BLM and USFS lands, and the BLM is supporting SCLT with funds for trail construction. In 2022, SCLT completed construction of the Aspens Trailhead Parking Lot on BLM surface. This parking lot holds up to 10 vehicles and provides access to several hiking and biking trails.

Amount Expended: \$30,000.00

Outlaw Cave Picnic Tables



Painting new picnic table

The Outlaw Cave Campground, a first-come, first-served primitive campground, sits at the top of the Middle Fork Powder River Canyon, offering stunning views and a foot trail to the river. The tables at the Outlaw Cave Campground had been in need of repair and replacement for several years. In FY21, the Buffalo Field Office purchased and painted 25 boards for picnic tables and benches for picnic table repair. The project was completed in spring 2022.

Amount Expended: \$2,500.00

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

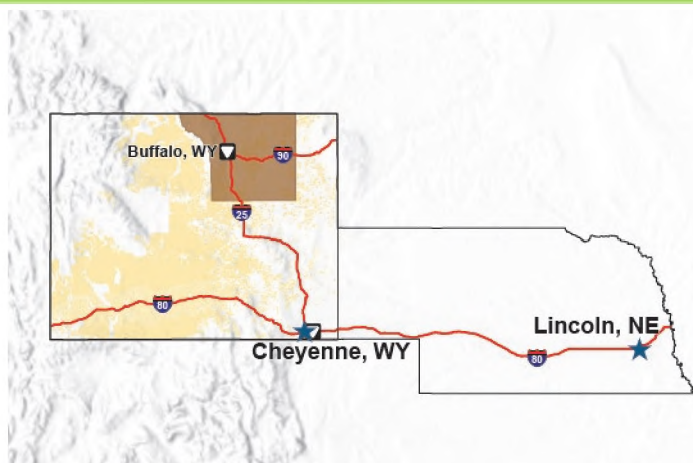
Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.



Other Accomplishments

The Buffalo Field Office recently installed a seasonal portable toilet unit at the Welch Ranch Special Recreation Management Area to accommodate visitors during peak season.

Vicinity Map



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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:	\$46,996.13
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$27,905.51
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,240.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$29,145.51

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$11,268.47
Visitor Services	\$36,037.55
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$1,909.08
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$49,215.10



Planned Activities



Mosier Gulch picnic table in need of repair

- Seasonal porta potty at Welch Ranch SRMA \$1300
- Picnic table repair at Mosier Gulch SRMA \$2500
- Planning and design for parking lot expansion and improvements (south lot) at Welch Ranch SRMA \$50,000

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$53,800.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$1,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$54,800.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$26,926.54
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$26,000.00

Connecting with Communities

Only 15 minutes outside of Buffalo, WY, the Dry Creek Petrified Tree Environmental Education Area offers opportunities to see into Wyoming’s ecological past. This Special Recreation Management Area includes a 0.8-mile interpretive hiking path with eight informational signs that explain how the area was once home to a forest of huge meta-sequoia trees, coal development, and a wide variety of wildlife. Many of the trees have been petrified, and huge stumps are visible along the trail. The site also includes picnic tables under a shade shelter and a double vault toilet.

With its proximity to Buffalo, the area receives visitors from all over the U.S. and the world as well as local school groups. In spring 2022, the ramp to the vault toilet was improved for wheelchair access, and that fall, design began to improve and widen the trail surface to be ADA accessible. The surface under the picnic shelter will also be improved to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility devices. Construction on the project may take several years to complete, and once done, will provide improved access for visitors with physical disabilities.

