



ARIZONA Arizona Strip

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

Site Accessibility Improvements

Completing Parking Delineation



Accessibility improvements at Site #13

Amount Expended: \$25,000.00

In fall of 2023, our fire crew worked to improve the accessibility at Site #13 at the Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area. They removed the old concrete pad and cut a ramp through the curb. They reformed the pad to provide plenty of space around the picnic table and fire pit for wheelchair accessibility.



Expanded Parking with Parking Delineation

Amount Expended: \$2,500.00

In the fall of 2023, the parking delineation fence at the staging area for the Lime Kiln Canyon Climbing Area was completed. This fence keeps motorized use out of our Area to be Managed for Wilderness Characteristics. The parking delineation was the last improvement planned. The site also had the parking area expanded and a vault toilet installed.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$52,599.74
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$65,962.53
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$37,620.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$156,182.27
Carryover from Prior Years	\$52,753.69
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$208,935.96

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$18,119.64
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$19,990.47
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$9.49
Collections/Overhead	\$36,116.11
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$74,235.71
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$134,700.25



Other Accomplishments

- Our fire crew also heavily trimmed back vegetation on the main routes within the Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area.
- The roof of the shaded picnic structure at Little Black Mountain Petroglyph Site was painted.
- The trails within the Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area were maintained to remove rocks/debris and make them more passable.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



New fee kiosk display

In early 2024, the Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area offered the option for a cashless payment system. To accomplish this, the fee instructions were created, sites got new fee posts, and the changes were posted to several media outlets to inform the public.

In May 2024, a new septic system at each of the three restrooms will be installed using deferred maintenance funding.

Near the end of 2024, a fee increase at the Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area, to bring the site more in line with similar sites in the area with comparable amenities, is expected.

Additional deferred maintenance funding is expected to update campsites throughout the Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area in 2026.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$43,614.49
Visitor Services	\$959.04
Law Enforcement	\$34,916.16
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$23,052.71
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$102,542.40
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$134,700.25
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$32,157.85

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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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[Bureau of Land Management's Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation](https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-08/Blueprint%20for%2021st%20Century%20Outdoor%20Recreation508.pdf)

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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.

