



# ARIZONA Safford

Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

### Camp Host Volunteer Program

### Brandenburg Ranger Station



*Pictures of longtime volunteer camp hosts*

**Amount Expended: \$6,640.00**

Each year, volunteer site hosts return to give service at Riverview Campground, Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area, and the Klondyke Ranger Station. Fee program funds are used to provide needed resources to assist in site host duties. Even taking into account the expenses of the volunteer program, their service helps reduce the overall budget of managing recreation sites. The saved labor costs are then used for other needs like cleaning supplies, signage, and facility maintenance.



*Installation of new tile in living quarters*

**Amount Expended: \$4,155.00**

The Brandenburg Ranger Home and Contact Station are large investments that were made to administer the Aravaipa Ecosystem Management Plan and properly manage the wilderness permit system for Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness. This site serves as an important gateway to the Aravaipa Canyon area. Improvements were made to the living quarters that house a full-time park ranger. The public vault toilet near the contact center also received routine servicing for continued visitor use and convenience.

## Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$14,612.30
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$5,873.44
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$72,536.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,200.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23</b>	<b>\$94,221.74</b>
<b>Carryover from Prior Years</b>	<b>\$126,413.92</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY23</b>	<b>\$220,635.66</b>

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,814.14
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$317.96
Collections/Overhead	\$3,378.68
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23</b>	<b>\$8,510.78</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$212,124.88</b>



Other Accomplishments

- Processed all new and existing special recreation permits (SRPs) and letters of agreement.
- Purchased campground supplies such as trash bags, cleaning solution, toilet paper, signs, and tools.
- Replacement of dozens of vandalized or stolen signs along Haekel road.
- BLM Recreation staff patrols of recreation areas and wilderness areas during high use seasons.
- Repaired damaged roof at the Serna Cabin cultural site in the Gila Box RNCA

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



One of several illegal dump sites cleaned in 2023

Pay Lease Agreements on Recreation Facilities near Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - \$25,000

Pump vault toilets and purchase supplies for fee sites like fee envelopes, trash bags, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies - \$10,000

Continue to order and replace signage leading to and at recreation sites - \$12,000

Old Safford-Morenci Trail maintenance project - \$5,000

Begin to plan for E-Commerce Solutions at fee sites and areas (i.e. Scan and Pay, Off-Grid Kiosk, Digital Passes)

Locate and restore illegal dumping sites and unauthorized vehicle routes - \$5,000

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$80,000.00
Visitor Services	\$22,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Park Ranger (Brandenburg)	\$49,025
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$5,500.00
Collections/Overhead	\$3,500.00
<b>Total Planned Expenditures for FY24</b>	<b>\$160,025.00</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$212,124.88</b>
<b>FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures</b>	<b>\$52,099.88</b>

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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.

