



CALIFORNIA

El Centro

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

Field Office

Outreach Management



BLM Staff Outreach Event

Amount Expended: \$52,393.68

BLM Employees conduct multiple Outreach Events throughout the high peak season for the El Centro Field Office which focuses on providing excellent customer service, providing information to the public while tying in recreation activities, or even interpretive talks along our popular areas within El Centro Field Office. Outreach events gives us the opportunity to reach and engage with the public through different activities, and to connect with our local communities and diverse group of visitors.

Medical & Rescue Services



Search and Rescue Staff Carrying Patient to Helicopter

Amount Expended: \$430,705.68

The BLM El Centro Field Office provides an off-highway vehicle (OHV) emergency medical and rescue services in the Imperial Sand Dunes and across the Field Office. During the 2023-2024 use season, OHV Park Rangers responded to 253 calls, including 49 search and rescues. These park rangers are trained to search for and evacuate injured or lost riders and may use special OHV rescue capabilities such as vehicle extrication to complete the mission.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$2,801.60
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$17,436.16
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$3,143,227.98
Interagency Passes	\$2,580.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$3,166,045.74
Carryover from Prior Years	\$1,360,930.27
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$4,526,976.01

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$851,868.81
Visitor Services	\$810,336.88
Law Enforcement	\$1,880,245.64
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$15,066.74
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$3,557,518.07
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$969,457.94



Other Accomplishments

- Restroom maintenance: The ECFO has a total of 83 vault toilets. Most of these vault toilets are serviced and repaired daily.
- Law Enforcement Services: 17,840 contacts that include Warnings, Citations, DUIs, Registration and SRP Compliance for FY23.
- Conducted 39 outreach events which led to the passing of information to the public about all the different opportunities available.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Visitation

Continuance of processing Special Recreation Permits and Letters of Agreements.

The El Centro Field Office plans to continue providing Incident-Command level operations during our peak season providing emergency medical services, LE and maintenance services during Holiday weekends and year-round.

Volunteer and Seasonal hiring is an ongoing effort to fill the many vacancies within ECFO while ensuring projects are being completed.

The ECFO uses fees collected as matching funds to acquire grant funding for Law Enforcement, emergency medical services, and signing.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$1,600,000.00
Visitor Services	\$900,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$1,500,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$16,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$4,016,000.00
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$969,457.94
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$-3,046,542.06

*Does not include FY24 revenue.

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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.

