



# COLORADO Uncompahgre

Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

### San Miguel River Facilities

### GGNCA Resource Protection



BLM ranger painting a cabana

**Amount Expended: \$15,000.00**

In 2023, the San Miguel campgrounds (Ledges Cottonwood and Ledges Rockhouse) received some much needed maintenance. BLM rangers and staff cleaned, primed, and painted the vault bathrooms, cabanas, and kiosks to ensure a long lifespan and a professional appearance for years to come. These campgrounds are free and open to the public and to the commercial outfitters year-round. The sites provide access to tent and RV camping, a boat ramp, and plenty of walk-wade fishing opportunities.



BLM rangers installing gate to protect buckwheat

**Amount Expended: \$12,000.00**

In 2023, BLM ecologist and recreation staff took a hard look at the interaction between clay-loving wild buckwheat (*Eriogonum pelinophilum*) and illegal off-route use and worked together to fence off the crucial habitat of this endangered species. This included gates, fencing, and signage. In addition, BLM ecologist and range specialists conducted field work and published a research article that improves BLM's understanding of the species' habitat, based on a distribution model.

## Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$127,337.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$35,201.31
Interagency Passes	\$30,320.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23</b>	<b>\$192,858.31</b>
<b>Carryover from Prior Years</b>	<b>\$210,424.22</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY23</b>	<b>\$403,282.53</b>

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$35,000.00
Visitor Services	\$60,485.61
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$21,972.39
Collections/Overhead	\$6,718.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23</b>	<b>\$129,176.00</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$274,106.53</b>



Other Accomplishments

- Administered 100 Special Recreation Permits, including multiple new event permits.
- Updated/refreshed kiosk content, including improved maps, LNT regulations, and Spanish translations.
- Maintained field-office-wide traffic and trail counter database to measure visitor use.
- GGNCA: horse pack-ins; shuttle services; river and safety gear; per diem for river patrols; dark sky certification process.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Chukar trailhead kiosk and fee station

- Special Recreation Permit administration (100+ permits)
- River patrols, including visitor contacts, campsite upkeep, and trash collection
- Visitor use monitoring and data collection
- Recreation site developments (i.e. North Delta OHV Staging Area) (multi-year)
- Business plan implementation, including new signage and fee collection services
- Gunnison Gorge Wilderness updated maps, brochures, kiosk inserts
- Gunnison sage grouse route inventories in Gunnison Gorge NCA planning area
- Jumbo Mountain Trails signage, maps, and trail work (multi-year)
- Eagle Rock Shelter interpretive plan implementation (multi-year)
- Gunnison Gorge NCA trail inventories and maintenance (multi-year)

*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.*

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$30,000.00
Visitor Services	\$140,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$35,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Planned Expenditures for FY24</b>	<b>\$220,000.00</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$274,106.53</b>
<b>FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures</b>	<b>\$54,106.53</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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