



EASTERN STATES Lower Potomac

Field Station

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

Trail Maintenance



Culverts at Thompson Creek Loop

Amount Expended: \$6,500.00

May of 2023, the staff provided trail maintenance and installed two temporary culverts along Thompson Creek Loop to alleviate water build-up off the trail. The culverts were placed to increase safety and allow water to flow under the trail system. The two Construction projects were completed weeks before Meadowood's biggest race, Capital Backyard Ultra.

Fossil Hunting Program



Families looking for fossils

Amount Expended: \$2,000.00

On August 19, the BLM in partnership with the Chesapeake Conservancy and Latino Outdoors facilitated a fossil hunting program at Douglas Point SRMA. This program was curated since fossil hunting is unique to the Eastern States Field Station. We led an interpretive hike down to the shore and then showed participants how to find fossils. The participants found a variety of fossils like shark teeth, ray crushing plates, and snail shells casting.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$14,304.78
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$14,440.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$28,744.78
Carryover from Prior Years	\$0.00
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$28,744.78

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$5,939.54
Visitor Services	\$9,841.42
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$15,780.96
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$12,963.82



Other Accomplishments

- Funding additional operation and maintenance tasks across Lower Potomac Field Station.
- Three Veteran Fishing Events with 50 veteran participants.
- 2023 Deer Management successfully hunted 17 deer.
- Delivered a range of education programs concerning ecosystems and the environment to K-12 students.
- National Trails Day - 15 volunteers performed trail maintenance on Meadowood's mountain bike trail network.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Signage on Wood Thrush Loop Trail

1. Continue funding labor to complete annual operation and maintenance tasks at the project level.
2. Install and update trailhead signage and interpretive signs across LPFS trail system.
3. Update Trail Maps and brochure for SRMAs.
4. Establish improved FAMs/Condition Assessments and Annual Maintenance planning to seek additional funding
5. Project proposals for BIL and GAOA; seeking additional funding

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,300.00
Visitor Services	\$6,663.82
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$12,963.82
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$12,963.82
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$0.00

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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.

