

SRP Administration



Sun River

Amount Expended: \$0.01

The Lewistown Field Office (LFO) administers 30 Special Recreation Permits (SRP) for big game, fishing, and air shuttle services. Local, rural communities benefit greatly from the economic impact that the outfitter industry provides. By recognizing the value of the outfitter industry, LFO is supporting community values and promoting the quality of life that typifies Central Montana. In FY23, the Field Office did not utilize SRP revenue to administer the outfitter and guide permit program.

Recreation Site Volunteers



Lowry Bridge Recreation Site

Amount Expended: \$864.00

The Lewistown Field Office (LFO) was fortunate to have campground hosts at Lowry Bridge Recreation Site during part of 2023. Because permitted fishing outfitters utilize the site for river access, permit revenue is utilized to reimburse the hosts. Through the assistance of the camp hosts, LFO provides the public with a clean, safe, and enjoyable site for camping, floating, and commercial fishing opportunities. In FY23, the Field Office utilized SRP revenue for camp host living expenses.

Revenue & Expenditures

| FY23 Revenue | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Recreation Use Permits (RUPs) | \$537.00 |
| Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) | \$18,204.63 |
| Individual Special Recreation Permits | \$0.00 |
| Interagency Passes | \$1,880.00 |
| FERC O&M | |
| Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23 | \$20,621.63 |
| Carryover from Prior Years | \$56,506.00 |
| Total Available Funds for FY23 | \$77,127.63 |

| FY23 Expenditures | | |
|--|-------------|--|
| Repair & Maintenance | \$0.00 | |
| Visitor Services | \$0.00 | |
| Law Enforcement | \$0.00 | |
| Inventory, Monitoring and Planning | \$864.00 | |
| Collections/Overhead | \$0.00 | |
| Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23 | \$864.00 | |
| Total Available Funds for FY24 | \$76,263.63 | |



Other Accomplishments

- Provided logistical support for camp hosts.
- Issued new SRPs for big game hunting and fishing and modified outfitter/guide and aviation SRPs as requested.
- Monitored operational activities for 30 outfitter and guide SRPs.
- Worked with local, state fish and game employees to evaluate and balance public and commercial hunting and fishing use.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities

Welter Divide Dispersed Camping

The Musselshell River Breaks is a desirable area for the

hunting outfitter industry. Through the revenue generated from special recreation permits from hunting

outfitters, the Lewistown Field Office plans to install two

vault toilets to promote human health and safety. Several BLM-permitted outfitters operate in these geographical areas where no restroom facilities presently

exist. Evidence of human waste is noticeable at roadside

pull-offs and dispersed campsites throughout the area.

This project will also benefit the public need on a year-round basis. The Field Office has been saving previous fiscal year revenue to fund this project.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

| Repair & Maintenance | \$400.00 |
|---|-------------|
| Visitor Services | \$2,500.00 |
| Law Enforcement | \$0.00 |
| Inventory, Monitoring and Planning | \$0.00 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$0.00 |
| Total Planned Expenditures for FY24 | \$2,900.00 |
| Total Estimated Revenue for FY24 | \$19,723.17 |
| Total Available Funds for FY24 | \$76,263.63 |
| FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures | \$93,086.80 |

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<u>Published FLREA Triennial Report</u> https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/

<u>Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans</u> https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrearevenue

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%20Recreation50 8.pdf

