

Law Enforcement & SRP Monitoring



BLM Miles City FO Law Enforcement Officer patrols

Amount Expended: \$25,369.67

The 1232 fees help fund Law Enforcement (LE) duties & SRP monitoring on 2.7 million acres of public lands. The LE position does a majority of the monitoring work for the SRP program. In 2023 the field office spent \$25,369.67 of revenue to perform these duties including labor, travel, and vehicle usage. Additional duties included:

- Informing hunters about safety, weather & road conditions, rules, and regulations
- Providing support & monitoring SRP permittees
- Answering questions for the public.

SRP GIS, Hunter Patrols & Signs



Travel management sign on public lands

Amount Expended: \$12,831.53

The Miles City Field Office (MCFO) administers approx. 40-50 SRPs each year. In 2023 BLM used carryover fees & the assistance of a permanent fuels employee to work on a backlog of GIS work. BLM's ability to carryover fees for multiple years was key to assisting in getting help and finishing up an accurate layer file in GIS. In addition, the SRP fees helped to complete much needed hunter patrols, and maintenance of travel management signage on scattered BLM lands utilized by many.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$62,305.99
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,440.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$63,745.99
Carryover from Prior Years	\$174,079.01
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$237,825.09

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$12,831.53
Law Enforcement	\$25,369.67
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$38,201.20
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$199,623.89



Other Accomplishments

- Processed 5 new Special Recreation Permits (SRPs), 3 renewals, and 2 Letters of Agreements (LOAs) for the program.
- Completed maintenance on over 25 travel management signs.
- Modified SRP stipulations for resource protections as needed.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



SRP Monitoring Area

- •Career seasonal Park Ranger position = \$20,000 carryover funds
- •Law Enforcement Labor = \$10000; funds will be spent to monitor SRPs with law enforcement services including patrols & visitor contacts during peak periods & events.
- •Vehicle Use = \$10000
- •Hunter Patrol Labor = \$12,000; carryover funds used for monitoring
- •GIS Labor = \$8,000; specific to GIS work for SRPs
- Ongoing upkeep & purchase of visitation counting devices = \$6,000
- New & carryover funds will be used for appropriate sites to purchase signs needed, trash cleanup, and other SRP administration.
- Vault toilet install = \$75,000 \$100,000.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$10,000.00
Visitor Services	\$2,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$20,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$12,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$44,000.00
Total Estimated Revenue for FY24	\$65,893.78
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$199,623.89
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$265,517.67

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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

