



**Garnet Interpretive Day** **MCC Interns at Garnet**



Garnet Day BLM Staff Help

**Amount Expended: \$3,200.00**

An estimated 800 people attended Garnet Day in 2023. It was much busier than the previous year. Everything went well, parking was extremely busy due to the number of visitors. Luckily fee revenue was able to pay for BLM staff to assist with the parking and other support activities. Events included kids games consisting of an egg toss, three-legged race, and gunny sack race, the annual pie auction, music in two locations, gold panning, and a speaker presentation.



MCC Intern

**Amount Expended: \$17,500.00**

In 2023, we had very low BLM staff numbers with only 1 BLM seasonal Park Ranger for the entire season and no other BLM staff. Fortunately, we were able to hire 2 MCC interns through a partnership agreement, Bella (Isabella) Peadon, a fellow, and Grayson Hansel, an intern. The MCC fellow and intern helped with the daily operations of the town, including providing tours and information to visitors and school groups, working in the Visitor Center, performing general maintenance in and around town.

**Revenue & Expenditures**

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$25,588.06
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$25,252.74
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$5,920.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23</b>	<b>\$56,760.80</b>
<b>Carryover from Prior Years</b>	<b>\$70,588.53</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY23</b>	<b>\$127,349.33</b>

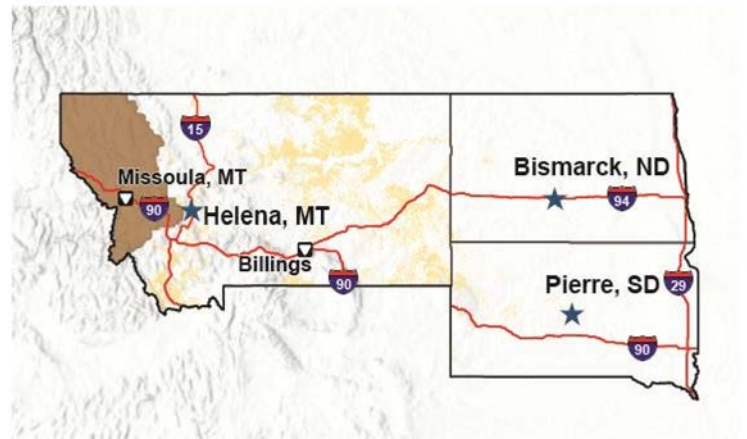
FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$6,871.74
Visitor Services	\$7,250.08
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$224.28
Collections/Overhead	\$8,447.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23</b>	<b>\$22,793.10</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$104,556.23</b>



Other Accomplishments

- Even with low staff numbers, we were able to give 37 school tours reaching over 328 youth and 80 adults.
- Routine maintenance around Garnet consisted of clearing brush, pothole filling, cleaning historic buildings.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Garnet Day

In 2024, we plan to utilize our fee revenue to hire staff and volunteers to supplement the historically low amount of funding available in the BLM Recreation budget. Staff hired using fee revenue will include 2 to 3 BLM seasonal Park Rangers, volunteers, teachers on a 60-day emergency hire. Fee revenue will also support temporarily filling in behind the vacant Garnet Outdoor Recreation Planner position (vacant over a year). Implementing the new business plan will enable us to provide for more staffing - specifically we will be able hire a Career Seasonal Park Ranger which will provide more consistent help. And fee revenue will continue to pay for overtime support on Garnet Day.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$46,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Planned Expenditures for FY24</b>	<b>\$46,000.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue Estimated for FY24</b>	<b>\$55,556</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$104,556.23</b>
<b>FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures</b>	<b>\$58,556.23</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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*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.*

