



# NEVADA Stillwater

Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

### Sand Mountain Recreation Area

### Free Helmet Program



Tread Lightly and BLM Work on Learners Loops

**Amount Expended: \$140,132.36**

Sand Mountain Recreation Area continues to be the busiest recreation site in the Carson City District with over 100,000 visitors a year, with human health and safety being the number one priority for the BLM. This work continues through community partnerships with Tread Lightly, Renown Children's Hospital, Nevada Outdoor School, and Nevada Off Road Association. Work accomplished included a free helmet education program for youth and work on the youth learners loops and increased LE presence.



Renown Childrens Hospital Issue Free Youth Helmets

**Amount Expended: \$20,100.36**

In response to three youth fatalities in the last three years, SMRA has rolled out an education program centered around youth safety and helmets. The result has been thousands of contacts, increased signage, learner's loops work, and awarding over 180 free helmets to children. Additional work was accomplished to establish and harden the recreation boundary to limit camping during busy weekends such as Halloween.

## Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$4,689.81
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$12,781.78
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$201,787.50
Interagency Passes	\$12,860.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23</b>	<b>\$232,119.09</b>
<b>Carryover from Prior Years</b>	<b>\$315,352.93</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY23</b>	<b>\$547,472.02</b>

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$44,475.58
Visitor Services	\$49,976.66
Law Enforcement	\$4,001.62
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$43,166.70
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23</b>	<b>\$137,618.94</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$409,853.08</b>



Other Accomplishments

- Walker Lake visitor use continues to increase and in response to customer service, the conversion to rec.gov has begun.
- SRP applications are estimated to reach 25 permits next year for OHV, vending, non-motorized, and outfitters and guides.
- Public outreach continues at Hidden Cave with tours and school visits.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



NPLD at SMRA 2023

In FY24, plans are to continue developing infrastructure at Sand Mountain Recreation Area including paving, power and campground host site. It is predicted that SRP's for vending will continue to increase as well as SRP's for motorized and non-motorized events continue to rise as well. Research of a trail system for non-motorized as well as motorized has begun from Fallon, NV with connection to SMRA.

Walker Lake will transition to recreation.gov for fee collection in response to visitor input. Increased fee compliance will afford: boat ramp repair work, shade structure repair work, and a campground host site.

SRP UTV and dirt bike PPE will be required for monitoring events.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$30,000.00
Visitor Services	\$110,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$50,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$10,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$12,000.00
<b>Total Planned Expenditures for FY24</b>	<b>\$212,000.00</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$409,853.08</b>
<b>Expected FY24 Revenue</b>	<b>\$220,000.00</b>
<b>FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures</b>	<b>\$417,853.08</b>

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[Published FLREA Triennial Report](https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/)

<https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/>

[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.*

