# NEW MEXICO Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

## Improved Trail Experiences



Guadalupe Mountains

Amount Expended: \$1,500.00

Taos Field Office has invested in the facilities throughout the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument. Public recognition of this investment has resulted in increased and more diverse use. In response to increased demand for trail experiences, in 2023 Taos utilized the Southwest Conservation Corps to complete trail repair, maintenance, signing, and trailhead work. The result has been improved opportunities on the variety of trails throughout the Monument and increased safety for all users.

## Volunteer Program



Volunteer Assisting a Visitor at Wild Rivers

Amount Expended: \$70,000.00

Visitor use has doubled in the Monument since its designation in 2013 due to public recognition of the Monument and the tremendous opportunities therein, as well as due to BLM investments in providing increased access. Taos continues to use volunteers as an integral component of management and relies on them to supplement visitor service including informational contacts, visitor center operation, and lending their lifetime experience to our objectives and improving.

## Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$23,793.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$98.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$23,891.00
Carryover from Prior Years	\$10,532.00
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$34,423.00

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$8,721.96
Visitor Services	\$82,260.36
Law Enforcement	\$2,593.48
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$29,913.90
Collections/Overhead	\$7,175.03
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$130,664.73
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$-96,241.73



## Other Accomplishments

- Visitor service provided to the public by Park Managers and Park Rangers
- Funded Law Enforcement patrols.
- Funded various monument facilities maintenance.

# Vicinity Map



#### **Planned Activities**



Monitoring Photo Taken by Trail Camera

- Purchase and install signs.
- Fund visitor contact by volunteer camp hosts, Park Managers and Park Rangers.
- Fund facility maintenance by Park Managers and Park Rangers.
- Fund Law Enforcement patrols.
- Purchase and install improved monitoring equipment and employ improved monitoring techniques.

# FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$46,000.00
Visitor Services	\$41,512.67
Law Enforcement	\$5,200.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$10,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$102,712.67
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$-96,241.73
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$-198,954.40

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

Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans

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

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.

