



UTAH Grand Staircase Escalante

National Monument

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

Epic Customer Service



Improving Recreation through Information Sharing

Amount Expended: \$34,560.00

Recreation fees were used to partially fund Park Ranger and Administrative staff dedicated to providing essential services for visitors and local communities. Some of these services include interpretive programs, answering visitor questions, restoring resources, leading volunteer groups, and Leave-No-Trace training. Recreation fees were also used to support an agreement between GSENM and Glen Canyon Conservancy (GCC). GCC employees are instrumental in staffing the four GSENM Visitor Centers.

Well Maintained Facilities



Providing Signs & Facilities for GSENM Visitors

Amount Expended: \$72,829.00

Recreation fees were used to maintain many recreation facilities throughout GSENM. A few of these include Nephi Pasture Staging Area, Old Paria Day Use Site, Devils Garden, and Deer Creek Campground. Contracted and BLM staff were utilized in these efforts. Clean and functional facilities are crucial elements of a positive recreation experience. Strategically located throughout GSENM, these facilities protect natural resources while allowing for many types of recreational activities to occur.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$89,134.19
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$174,856.49
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$13,280.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$277,270.68
Carryover from Prior Years	\$253,383.52
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$530,654.20

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$72,979.00
Visitor Services	\$34,560.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$3,638.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$111,177.00
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$419,477.20



Other Accomplishments

- Processed and administered 142 Commercial and Organized Group Special Recreation Permits, including field compliance checks.
- The editing and reprint of the GSENM Visitor Brochure was completed to accurately portray the GSENM boundary.
- Largely completed an Old Spanish Trail Inventory, Assessment, and Monitoring Report.
- Hosted a Leave-No-Trace Spotlight Event which included volunteer clean-up projects and training for outfitters and guides.
- Maintained the Glendale Information Station adjacent to US Highway 89 which provides restrooms, picnic tables, and grills.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Relocating Toadstools Trailhead to Improve Safety

Planned projects for 2024 include new construction and/or improvements for Calf Creek Campground (\$150,000), Toadstools Trailhead (\$130,000), and Tin Can Flat Campground (\$250,000). These projects will likely take multiple years to complete because of environmental and funding constraints. Funding sources beyond recreation fees, such as appropriated funds and grants funds, will be needed. Future carryover from recreation fees will be limited due to the cost of the projects listed above.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$280,000.00
Visitor Services	\$40,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$5,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$335,000.00
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$419,477.20
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$84,477.20

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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)

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrea-revenue>

[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.

