



Recreating in Bear Country Winter Monitoring in the Arctic



Sign install at the Arctic Circle Campground

Amount Expended: \$1,950

Increased bear activity throughout the 2023 season, highlighted the need for improved messaging at recreation sites regarding wildlife safety. "Bear Aware" signs were designed and implemented in fiscal year (FY) 2024 to remind travelers of best practices while recreating in bear country; these were installed at campground entrances and other high traffic areas. Improvements to wildlife safety messaging will continue at campgrounds in FY2025.



Visitors gather by the fire to roast cookies

Amount Expended: \$419

Each year thousands of visitors make the trek to the Arctic Circle Wayside, approximately 200 miles north of Fairbanks. While the Arctic Circle is just an imaginary line, for many visitors, stepping into the Arctic represents an important bucket list experience. Twenty-seven commercial operators under the Special Recreation Permit program offer tours to the Arctic Circle. CYFO staff spent 3 cold days monitoring visitation at the wayside during the winter solstice to greet visitors, hand out Arctic Circle certificates, and verify permit compliance.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$12,762
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$65,322
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0
Interagency Passes	\$0
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$78,084
Carryover from Prior Years	\$14,390
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$92,474

FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$37,395
Visitor Services	\$36,700
Law Enforcement	\$0
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$0
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$74,095
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$18,379



Other Accomplishments

- 5 volunteers stationed at various recreation facilities along the Dalton Highway (travel costs)
- Contract to service 27 vault toilets
- Transport of boardwalk materials to Marion Creek Trail

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Coldfoot public use cabin with new wood stove

- Career seasonal interpretive ranger - \$31,000
- Outhouse vault pumping contract - \$19,000
- Per diem and expense reimbursement for Dalton Highway volunteers - \$27,500
- Coldfoot public use cabin retrofit - \$5,000
- Labor costs for recreation staff to service and upgrade fee sites - \$4,000
- Supplies needed for various interpretive programming and recreation sites - \$3,000
- Wildlife safety and awareness signage - \$2,500

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$28,000
Visitor Services	\$53,500
Law Enforcement	\$0
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$8,000
Collections/Overhead	\$2,500
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$92,000
Total Projected funds for FY25	\$18,379
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	-\$73,621*

*Amount excludes projected revenue for FY2025

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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.

