



COLORADO Royal Gorge

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Sand Gulch Campground Expansion Guffey Gorge Visitor Education



Digging a hole for a new vault toilet

Amount Expended: \$15,000.00

Originally built in 1994, the BLM expanded the Sand Gulch Campground and performed deferred maintenance in response to increased use. Work included 13 new camp sites, a new group site as well as two double vault restrooms and a day-use parking area. The existing sites were revamped with new concrete picnic tables, fire rings and road base. Recreation fee dollars funded staff to purchase and install new signs for the campsites as well as the associated hiking trails.



Intern removing graffiti at Guffey Gorge

Amount Expended: \$40.00

Through the statewide Colorado Youth Corps Association partnership, two SCC youth interns assisted the recreation program in Guffey Gorge Day Use Area for the summer season. Destiny and Alex greeted the public visitors, sharing information on the highlights of the area, explained the new ecommerce payment methods and encouraged rule compliance. Cleanliness was prioritized and appreciated by the visitors.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$113,200.22
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$48,846.51
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,780.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$163,826.73
Carryover from Prior Years	\$155,660.37
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$319,487.10

FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$3,293.87
Visitor Services	\$27,245.94
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$30,539.81
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$288,947.29



Other Accomplishments

- Recreation staff permitted and monitored 84 competitive and commercial recreation activities
- Park Rangers educated visitors on recreation ethics and performed daily maintenance of field office recreation sites.
- Installed remote off-grid kiosks for electronic payment options at two fee sites

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Staff will continue to manage fee sites in FY25

Implement the approved new fee at the Turtle Rock Campground and explore expanding the campground to provide more opportunities - \$5,000

Continue providing maintenance and visitor education at priority recreation sites and areas. - \$60,000

Host volunteers as campground hosts in all of the field office fee campgrounds. - \$14,000

Continue to expand our special recreation permit program focusing on diverse and innovative operations. - \$40,000

Explore redesigning the Guffey Gorge south trailhead to improve safety and traffic congestion. - \$5,000

Improve accessibility at recreation site restrooms within the field office - \$5,000

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$89,000.00
Visitor Services	\$40,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$129,000.00
Total Projected funds for FY25	\$288,947.29
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$159,947.29

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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.

