



COLORADO Uncompahgre

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Field Office

GGNCA Dark Sky Certification River Patrols and Maintenance



Under a clear night sky in Peach Valley, GGNCA

Amount Expended: \$5,000.00

In 2024, Gunnison Gorge NCA was certified as an International Dark Sky Park! Staff, partners, and volunteers documented the quality of the night skies by taking readings across the NCA. A lighting inventory confirmed the lack of artificial lights. A light management plan was developed to guide outreach and education about conserving the dark sky resource. Finally, numerous outreach and education events were conducted to involve the community and to promote dark sky awareness.

For more information, visit:



River craft at a river campsite

Amount Expended: \$72,000.00

In 2024, BLM river rangers continued their work on river-based recreation opportunities and maintenance of river sites, including San Miguel, Dolores, and Gunnison rivers. Work included toilet pumping contracts on the San Miguel River and Gunnison River sites, boat ramp infrastructure work on the Dolores River, repairing the groover dump station at Gunnison Forks, trash collection, invasive species work, river campsite maintenance, and visitor and commercial outfitter contacts.

Revenue & Expenditures

| FY24 Revenue | |
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| Recreation Use Permits (RUPs) | \$0.00 |
| Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) | \$87,705.64 |
| Individual Special Recreation Permits | \$62,128.58 |
| Interagency Passes | \$18,380.00 |
| Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24 | \$168,214.22 |
| Carryover from Prior Years | \$225,723.75 |
| Total Available Funds for FY24 | \$393,937.97 |

| FY24 Expenditures | |
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| Repair & Maintenance | \$72,041.64 |
| Visitor Services | \$69,914.22 |
| Law Enforcement | \$0.00 |
| Inventory, Monitoring and Planning | \$3,183.45 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$21,829.32 |
| Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24 | \$166,968.63 |
| Total Carryover Funds for FY25 | \$226,969.34 |



Other Accomplishments

- Administered 104 Special Recreation Permits, including unique events such as a bikepacking event, a mountain biking race, an ultramarathon, a pack burro race, and a rock crawling event. - Facility maintenance.
- Implemented campsite designations on the Lower Gunnison River, updated maps and kiosks.- Implemented anti-dumping campaign by installing physical barriers (boulders) in North Delta.- Supported trail based recreation
- Hired a permanent Trails Coordinator- Monitored Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, and Lands with Wilderness Characteristics- Horse pack-ins, shuttles, and per diem for river patrols in the Gunnison Gorge

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



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- SRP administration, including new organized events
- River patrols, trail patrols, and visitor services
- Implementation of Uncompahgre Field Office's Business Plan
- Implementation of Gunnison Gorge campsite changes
- Implementation of Jumbo Mountain Trails Plan, including trail work, signage, and seasonal closures
- Implementation of Electric Hills Trails Plan,

FY25 Planned Expenditures

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| Repair & Maintenance | \$40,000.00 |
| Visitor Services | \$150,000.00 |
| Law Enforcement | \$10,000.00 |
| Inventory, Monitoring and Planning | \$0.00 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$10,000.00 |
| Total Planned Expenditures for FY25 | \$210,000.00 |
| Total Projected funds for FY25 | \$226,969.34 |
| FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures | \$16,969.34 |

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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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including trail work, events, signage, and seasonal closures

- Continue anti-dumping campaign
- Facility maintenance and improvements
- West End trails NEPA kick-off
- Updating GGNCA kiosks and website with Dark Sky Park information

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.

