



EASTERN STATES

Lower Potomac

Field Station

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance

Trees Along Thompson Creek Signs



Volunteers showing off their hard work

Amount Expended: \$300.00

Throughout 2024, the BLM and our partner, MORE, provided 3 trail work days with over 80 hours of trail maintenance on the mountain bike trails. The biggest trail maintenance project happened in May, where a group of 12 volunteers came out to Meadowood SRMA to fix an erosion issue on South Branch Loop. The volunteers rebuilt the waterbar with a mixture of stone, gravel, and rocks. Since finishing this project, this section of trail has not had any standing water. Our office appreciates the hard work from our volunteers for completing over 7 miles of trail.



Hiking reading a tree identification sign

Amount Expended: \$640.00

During the fall of 2023, Meadowood SRMA hosted an art contest with the local elementary school for drawing native trees found along Thompson Creek. The BLM staff announced the winners of the twelve signs in the winter of 2023 at the elementary school. In the spring of 2024, the BLM put the finishing touches on the designs and printed them out. In June, the BLM staff installed the signs along Woodthrush Trail and Hidden Pond Trail. Each sign provides context about a tree's leaf, bark, fruit, flower, height, and a fun fact.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$0.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$13,789.02
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$15,940.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$29,729.02
Carryover from Prior Years	\$0.00
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$29,729.02

FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$0.00
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$29,729.02



Other Accomplishments

- Additional trail maintenance was done throughout the year like fixing up an old puncheon bridge on the mountain bike trail.
- In the spring of 2024, the Lower Potomac Field Station planted over 12 different vegetables, herbs, and flowers in the Community Garden to provide additional Jr Ranger programs.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Eagle Scout building a new puncheon bridge

For the upcoming year, we hope to work on the following projects:

- Leveling the Control Line fields at Meadowood SRMA
- Providing additional support programs and event at Douglas Point SRMA
- Analyzing the recreation potential for Maryland Point's through a RAMP
- Working with the NOC and HQ on developing an Sensory Trail at Meadowood SRMA
- Annual trail maintenance with fixing wooden structures.
- Work with an Boy Scout to complete his Eagle Scout Project (November)

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$0.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$0.00
Total Projected funds for FY25	\$29,729.02
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$29,729.02

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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.

