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Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Remote Kiosks Benefit Visitors



BLM park staff and visitors discuss a remote kiosk.

Amount Expended: \$29,200.00

In fiscal year 2024, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument installed four electronic remote off-grid kiosks at the Dripping Springs Natural Area and Aguirre Springs Recreation Area. The installation of these kiosks provided an immediate benefit to visitors of both areas and to the monument fee collection programs. Allowing visitors to pay with a credit card for day passes and camp sites is more convenient and efficient for the recreation fee program.

Visitor Safety and Access Update



Improved access around main parking lot.

Amount Expended: \$51,100.00

With the support of Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) funding, the monument is working to improve visitor safety and access at the Dripping Springs Natural Area. Projects that were tackled in fiscal year 2024 included relocating the recreation fee pay box, improving Americans with Disabilities Act access to the La Cueva trailhead and visitor center, constructing a safer Las Cruces overlook area, and improving railings on the access paths to the restroom facilities.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$125,588.50
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$125,588.50
Carryover from Prior Years	\$133,834.45
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$259,422.95

FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$138,942.96
Visitor Services	\$26,241.44
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$32,409.86
Collections/Overhead	\$21,810.12
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$219,404.38
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$40,018.57



Other Accomplishments

- Supplies and site host reimbursement at Dripping Springs Natural Area and Aguirre Spring Recreation Area (\$27,200.00)
- Upgraded infrastructure to improve biking experience on the Sierra Vista Trail (\$2,742.75)
- Provide high-quality janitorial services to monument restroom facilities (\$29,161.03)

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Mats to be replaced at La Cueva.

- Replacement of concrete parking blocks at Aguirre Springs group site parking area (\$2,306.50)
- Supplies and site host reimbursement at Dripping Springs Natural Area (\$13,800)
- Supplies and site host reimbursement at Aguirre Spring Recreation Area (\$13,800)
- Stabilization of erosion near Aguirre Springs group sites (\$20,000)
- La Cueva replacement mat (\$4,700.00)

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$43,000.00
Visitor Services	\$34,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$21,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$98,000.00
Total Projected funds for FY25	\$40,018.57
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$-57,981.43*

*Balance does not include FY25 Expected Revenue

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[Bureau of Land Management's Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation](#)

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.

