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Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Priest Hole Upgrades



Construction Begins at Priest Hole Campground

Amount Expended: \$24,000.00

Priest Hole dispersed camping area along the John Day River saw a large increase in use over the pandemic. In two years rangers removed hundreds of pounds of garbage and about 200 fire rings on the gravel bar where visitors camp. In 2020, emergency response personnel retrieved an RV from the river after it was carried off the gravel bar by a flash flood. BLM obligated a small amount of fee money to aid in the much larger effort to construct a developed campground at Priest Hole.

Caring for the John Day River



Staff Installed Bilingual Signs at Clarno

Amount Expended: \$16,051.73

Staff oversaw the maintenance and care of recreation sites in the John Day River Basin. Work included law enforcement, garbage and fire ring removal, toilet maintenance, vegetation management, sign upgrades, informational web page management, phone and email inquiries, and public contacts. Staff installed four new campground kiosk signs, two bilingual signs at Clarno dispersed camping area, and two new accessible fire rings.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$4,693.43
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$11,869.61
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$43,631.50
Interagency Passes	\$80.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$60,274.54
Carryover from Prior Years	\$51,659.31
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$111,933.85

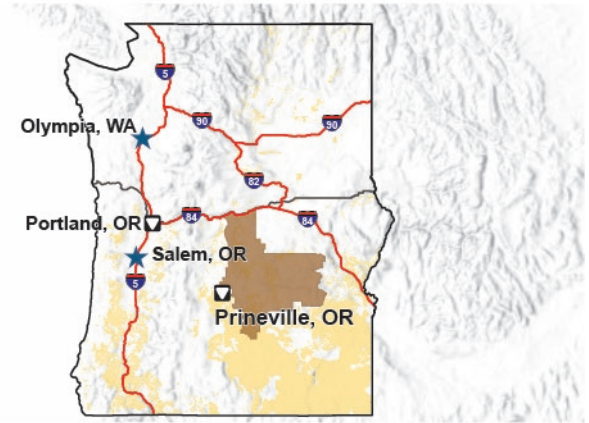
FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$5,068.68
Visitor Services	\$4,676.36
Law Enforcement	\$3,639.87
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$24,023.70
Collections/Overhead	\$5,751.03
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$43,159.64
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$68,774.21



Other Accomplishments

- Staff released the John Day River Boater's Guide and Know Before You Go video. Boaters must watch the video prior to obtaining a permit on Recreation.gov. These educational products will improve visitors' experiences.
- Planners added four developed fee campgrounds to Recreation.gov and introduced a cashless payment option through Scan and Pay. The addition to Recreation.gov improved available campground information for visitors.
- Staff installed a storage CONEX box and purchased a new lawn mower for Monument Park. The BLM and the City of Monument launched a cooperative effort for park care and maintenance.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Rangers at the Fourth of July Parade in Condon

- Seasonal River Ranger Patrols - \$17,500
- Law Enforcement Patrols - \$4,000
- Recreation site maintenance and supplies - \$15,000
- Camp Host(s) - \$2,500
- Additional Improvements for Priest Hole - \$10,000
- Manage visitor services and interpretation – \$8,000
- Collection and counting of fees - \$3,000

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$15,000.00
Visitor Services	\$8,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$4,000.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$30,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$3,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$60,000.00
Total Projected funds for FY25	\$68,774.21
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures*	\$8,774.21

*Figure excludes projected revenue for FY25

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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.

