



UTAH Grand Staircase Escalante

National Monument

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

Calf Creek - Updates

Partnerships and Volunteers



Calf Creek Capitol Improvements

Amount Expended: \$152,000

BLM completed phase one of three phases to update Calf Creek Recreation Area, day use area and campground. The project was funded largely by Great America Outdoors Act funds with recreation fee funds supplementing costs. Updates included roughing in an overflow parking area, upgrading all camping units and constructing four additional camp sites, replacing all shade shelters and constructing four shelters in the day use site, replacing all the wood on the pedestrian swinging bridge, constructing stone retaining walls and improving access to the water play area.



Habitat Restoration / Resource Protection

Amount Expended: \$25,782

GSENM worked with partner and volunteer groups to complete 59 projects, hosting 208 volunteers for 113 workdays, totaling 3873 volunteer hours. Work included cleaning and removal of campsites, fire rings, social trails, vehicle incursions, garbage removal, reseeding/revegetating resource impacts, naturalizing impacts, and installing signs. Throughout the year Friends of GSENM developed and ran stewardship projects, the Trail Ambassadors program, education and interpretation outreach, citizen's science projects, multi-day volunteer projects, and monitored WSA's.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$68,779
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$98,905
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0
Interagency Passes	\$9,260
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24	\$176,944
Carryover from Prior Years	\$419,476
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$596,420

FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$258,167
Visitor Services	\$51,975
Law Enforcement	\$31,332
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$3,360
Collections/Overhead	\$0
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24	\$344,834
Total Carryover Funds for FY25	\$251,586



Other Accomplishments

- Recreation fees supported labor for visitor services, law enforcement, fleet, and maintenance of recreation facilities.
- Recreation fees were used to obtain additional recreation grant funds. In several cases these funds were used to obtain reimbursement grants that repay recreation fee accounts to support future projects.
- Processed and administered 145 Commercial and Organized Group Special Recreation Permits, including field compliance.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Volunteer group preparing the worksite

Calf Creek improvements phase two is scheduled for summer of 2025 and phase three is planned for 2026.

Friends and volunteer groups will continue to conduct stewardship projects, conduct educational and interpretive programs and assist GSENM in expanding BLM capacity to accomplish work on the ground.

Visitor Services staff play key roles in supporting public visitation and visitor centers on the Monument.

GSENM will address the need to develop trailheads, parking areas, install toilets, and develop campgrounds monument wide.

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$200,000
Visitor Services	\$60,000
Law Enforcement	\$30,000
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$5,000
Collections/Overhead	\$24,000
Total Planned Expenditures for FY25	\$319,000
Total Projected funds for FY25 *	\$431,586
FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$112,586

* Includes FY25 projected revenue of \$180,000

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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.

