



OREGON/WASHINGTON Malheur Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Fly Fishing on the Owyhee River



The Owyhee River

The Owyhee River below the Owyhee Dam has grown into a world-class fly-fishing destination. Seven commercial guide companies operate on the river. Unguided anglers also fish in the river. There are no developed campsites or bathroom facilities. The BLM provides portable toilets, trash service, and purchased signage to reduce resource damage in the area. These services are funded with recreation fee dollars collected from the seven commercial outfitters and benefit all visitors recreating in the area.

Birch Creek Historic Ranch



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Birch Creek Historic Ranch sits on the banks of the Owyhee River. It consists of 19 historic structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It also serves as the primary take-out for rafters floating the Owyhee Wild & Scenic River. Recreation fee dollars collected are used to support the maintenance of this historic ranch, raft take-out, and camping facilities that are utilized by commercial and private boaters. Thirty-three Special Recreation Permit holders operate on the Owyhee Wild and Scenic River.

Recreation Fee Dollars

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.

They support and enhance:

- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation Direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



Other Accomplishments

Recreation fee revenues were also used to replace a portal sign at the southern entrance to the district and fund camp host stipends at the Chukar Park Campground.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$4,158.38
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$11,673.22
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$15,831.60

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$3,507.48
Visitor Services	\$8,890.88
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$12,398.36



Planned Activities



Sign on Soldier Creek Road

The Malheur Field Office plans to continue services and maintenance at the Owyhee River and Birch Creek Historic Ranch and replace signage across the field office.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,000.00
Visitor Services	\$6,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$12,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$6,433.24
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$22,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Malheur Field Office partners with several local volunteer organizations to provide improved recreational opportunities and enhance the environment. The field office works with local schools to educate youth on fire prevention and environmental responsibility.

