



# MONTANA\_DAKOTAS South Dakota

Field Office

## Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

### New Recreation Mower



New zero-turn mower for the BLM Recreation Program

**Amount Expended: \$3,006.42**

The SDFO Recreation Program was able to purchase a new riding lawn mower with funds collected from fee sites and Special Recreation Permits. The mower replaced two previous tractor style mowers utilized in the campgrounds, parking areas and along the trails throughout the summer. The new zero-turn mower allows recreation staff to complete the mowing in about 1/3 of the time. The cost of the mower was shared with other resources in the South Dakota Field Office.

### General Maintenance



Fort Meade Recreation Area Maintenance

**Amount Expended: \$3,162.78**

At the Alkali Creek Campground and Horse Camp, funds were used for general maintenance of the area. Items such as fuel for mowers, water sampling fees, bathroom supplies, building repairs, cleaning supplies and garbage collection are just some of the purchases required to keep your public lands enjoyable and safe. It's important to show that while new amenities at campgrounds are great, much of the funds are utilized to keep what current assets we have maintained and clean for use.

### FY23 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$4,917.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$7,615.19
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$260.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23</b>	<b>\$12,792.19</b>
<b>Carryover from Prior Years</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY23</b>	<b>\$12,792.19</b>

### FY23 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$4,929.75
Visitor Services	\$1,239.45
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23</b>	<b>\$6,169.20</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$9,980.05</b>

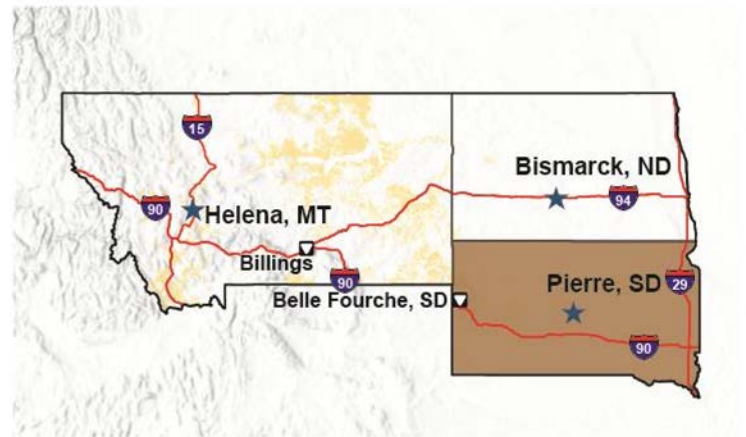




Other Accomplishments

- Fee site funds collected help pay for campgrounds hosts to be on site throughout the summer.
- These funds also supplement labor dollars for seasonal employees who keep these sites clean and well maintained.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Picnic shelter damage.

Unfortunately, in Fiscal Year 24 the South Dakota Field Office will be using some of the funds collected to repair senseless acts of vandalism that occurred at the Fort Meade Recreation Area. In December, vandals destroyed four road closure gates, one kiosk, multiple sections of post and rail fence and a picnic shelter at the Alkali Creek Horse Camp. These repairs will cost \$15,000 just for the supplies with the work being completed by BLM staff and volunteer organizations. In May, vandals also damaged the vault toilet at Fort Meade Reservoir, which will require painting, repairing bullet holes, reinstalling toilet hardware, and window replacements.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$6,000.00
Visitor Services	\$2,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Planned Expenditures for FY24</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenue for FY24</b>	<b>\$11,477.05</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$9,980.05</b>
<b>FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,457.05</b>

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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.

