



NEW MEXICO Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023



Kiosks and Information Panels



New Signage at the Dripping Springs Trailhead

Amount Expended: \$3,230.00

Kiosks installed last year and informational panels near trailheads and camping areas had previously been empty or contained outdated information. Monument Park Rangers designed, printed, and installed new informational signage. This updated information helps ensure visitors have the information they need for a safe and educational visit. New signage also included more images which help communicate fee protocols to visitors.

Wilderness Sign Installation



New Sign Marking the Mount Riley Wilderness

Amount Expended: \$5,000.00

Park Rangers replaced missing and/or damaged signs along Wilderness Area boundaries throughout the Monument. These signs aim to keep vehicles out of Wilderness and make visitors aware that they are approaching these areas.

Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$137,603.00
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$0.00
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$20,900.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23	\$158,503.00
Carryover from Prior Years	\$180,366.16
Total Available Funds for FY23	\$338,869.16

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$25,925.60
Visitor Services	\$12,606.00
Law Enforcement	\$336.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$5,000.00
Collections/Overhead	\$450.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23	\$44,317.60
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$294,551.56



Other Accomplishments

- Supplies and Site Host reimbursement at Dripping Springs Natural Area
- Supplies and Site Host reimbursement at Aguirre Spring Recreation Area

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Dripping Springs Natural Area Visitor Center

- Construct Phase 1 of the parking lot and trail improvements at Dripping Springs visitor center in partnership with the Friends of Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks.
- Install electronic fee payment kiosks at Dripping Springs and Aguirre Spring.
- Make improvements to storage building and workshop at Dripping Springs.
- Volunteer site hosts, day staff, and trail monitors at visitor center and recreation sites.
- Conduct trail maintenance and improvements within the Dona Anas unit.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$165,000.00
Visitor Services	\$46,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$22,000.00
Total Planned Expenditures for FY24	\$233,000.00
Total Available Funds for FY24	\$294,551.56
FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures	\$61,551.56

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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.

