



# NEW MEXICO

## Taos

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2023

Field Office

#### Improved River Recreation



Rio Chama

**Amount Expended: \$4,000.00**

The Rio Chama has realized increased use over the past few years which has resulted in difficulty finding campsites along the river and a sense of competition amongst backcountry visitors. To alleviate this confusion, and in collaboration with the Santa Fe National Forest, Taos Field Office placed 29 cedar camp markers to help users pinpoint their location in the corridor, resulting in improved communication and collaboration between users, with River Rangers, and increased overall safety.

#### Trail Repair and Maintenance



Santa Cruz Lake

**Amount Expended: \$1,500.00**

In recent years, Taos Field Office has invested in development and improvement of facilities at Santa Cruz Lake, which has in turn lead to increased and diversified recreation. In response to increased demand for trail experiences, in 2023 Taos utilized the Southwest Conservation Corps to complete trail repair and maintenance at Santa Cruz Lake. The result is new and improved trail opportunities at this BLM jewel. Additionally, congestion has been alleviated and safety improved.

### Revenue & Expenditures

FY23 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$67,827.71
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$98,184.03
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$21,848.00
Interagency Passes	\$11,480.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY23</b>	<b>\$199,339.74</b>
<b>Carryover from Prior Years</b>	<b>\$102,624.08</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY23</b>	<b>\$301,963.82</b>

FY23 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$14,505.05
Visitor Services	\$65,054.21
Law Enforcement	\$13,832.94
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$39,047.34
Collections/Overhead	\$1,492.52
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23</b>	<b>\$133,932.06</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$168,031.76</b>



Other Accomplishments

- Recreation fees were used to fund Law Enforcement Office labor for those officers that patrolled and enforced at fee sites.
- The heating unit at Santa Cruz Lake Contact Station was replaced.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Rio Chama Portal Sign with Permit Information

- Fund full-time volunteer at Rio Chama Launch to inform and monitor permitted users.
- Purchase and install new signs.
- Fund visitor contact by volunteer camp hosts, Park Managers, and Park Rangers.
- Fund facility maintenance.
- Fund Law Enforcement patrols.

FY24 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$70,000.00
Visitor Services	\$83,025.34
Law Enforcement	\$5,200.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$18,000.00
<b>Total Planned Expenditures for FY24</b>	<b>\$176,225.34</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$168,031.76</b>
<b>FY24 Balance after Planned Expenditures</b>	<b>-\$8,193.58</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.

