

## Visitor Response

The BLM has collected customer satisfaction surveys from 111 areas, including 57 fee sites. This represents data from approximately 11,500 respondents, 8,700 from fee sites. Surveys indicate a high satisfaction level, with 84% of those responding indicating that the value of their recreation experience equaled the fee charged.

California Resident quotes, *"The truth is, I would pay whatever amount to get into the recreation site as long as I know the money goes back to the site."*

Oregon Resident quotes, *"The entrance fee was reasonable and not prohibitive so a wide range of economic groups can enjoy the privilege of experiencing the recreation site."*



## Recreation Use Permit

The BLM amended its regulations on Special Recreation Permits and Recreation Use Permits to provide better customer service to the public, reduce administrative paperwork, and provide consistent law enforcement at fee sites on BLM-managed public lands. The new rule allows the local BLM manager to select an appropriate term for as long as 10 years.

The new rule also amends regulations for BLM-managed campgrounds by adding three new requirements. Where appropriate, users must:

- Obtain a permit
- Pay the necessary fees
- Display proof of payment according to instructions posted at the site

The new rule, which strengthens the BLM's enforcement capability and increases fee compliance, prohibits the use of forged permits and the use of another person's permit.

## Need Assistance?

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## The Benefits of the Bureau of Land Management's Fee Program



*to enhance the quality of recreation sites, structures, programs, and services for the enjoyment of our visitors*



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## BLM's Vision for the Recreation Fee Program

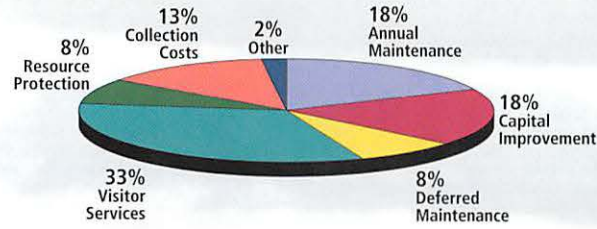
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages more than 260 million acres of public land and nearly 3,300 recreation sites. Visitors enjoy diverse recreation opportunities such as biking, hiking, boating, camping, fishing, off-highway vehicle access, water sports, climbing, rappelling, and more. Because recreation activities are a major part of the lifestyle of millions of Americans, as well as international visitors, fees are not charged at the majority (89%) of the BLM recreation sites.

Where fees are charged, the BLM Recreation Fee Program goal is to retain 100% of the revenues at the site to benefit recreation users. The BLM has obligated more than \$36 million in collected fees to reduce the maintenance backlog, improve and expand recreation sites, protect and enhance wildlife habitat, and provide visitor services such as interpretation, environmental education, and law enforcement.

The BLM believes that one of the best ways to protect the Nation's public lands and preserve their beauty and productivity is by implementing a comprehensive, accountable recreation program that provides a variety of services and settings that enhance the visitors' experiences.



## Recreation Fee Use



The Bureau of Land Management obligated \$8.9 million for recreation and visitor services. The following represents the dollar amounts and percentages for each funded category:

- \$3.0 million for visitor services
- \$0.75 million for deferred maintenance
- \$0.75 million for resource protection
- \$1.6 million for facilities capital improvement
- \$1.6 million for facilities routine and annual maintenance
- \$1.13 million for collection costs
- \$0.15 million for other

Visitor services have significantly improved at BLM sites through responsible use of fee revenues. These revenues have been used for such projects as:

- Expanding campgrounds and adding new equipment, such as grills and fire rings
- Providing universal access to recreation facilities onsite including restrooms, picnic areas, campsites, trails, and access routes
- Repairing old restrooms and constructing new ones
- Landscaping recreation sites
- Replacing old boat ramps and fishing docks and constructing new ones
- Developing interpretative exhibits and brochures

## Recreation Fees Working for You

**Dalton Highway, Alaska:** Fee revenues from Marion Creek Campground were used to help redesign and print the Dalton Highway Visitor Guide newspaper in cooperation with the Alaska Natural Highway Association.

**Painted Rocks Petroglyphs and Recreation Area, Arizona:** A deferred maintenance project was completed at the Painted Rocks Petroglyphs site and campground. The access road, two camping loop roads, and 60 campsites were gravel-surfaced. Sixty new picnic tables and fire rings were purchased and installed.

**Bishop Field Office, California:** Fee revenues were used to fund cultural resources inventories in highly sensitive areas to assess effects on cultural sites and for purchasing and planting trees in campgrounds.

**Kremmling Field Office, Colorado:** The Kremmling recreation staff completed construction of two visitor information kiosks, which provide visitor information regarding river use regulations and fee information for camping and day use.

