

**Field Offices of Colorado and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)**  
**RAC Briefing Paper**

The thirteen Field Offices in Colorado:

- ❖ Cover 8.3 million acres and include:
  - 1 National Monument (163,852 acres)
  - 2 National Conservation Areas (179,907 acres)
  - 4 Wilderness Areas (139,524 acres)
  - 55 Wilderness Study Areas (623,021 acres)
  - 6 Colorado Scenic & Historical Byways
  
- ❖ Receive Over 5 million visits annually: (2006 visitor data)

▪ Little Snake Field Office	95,239 visits
▪ White River Field Office	67,512 visits
▪ Kremmling Field Office	308,714 visits
▪ Grand Junction Field Office	764,614 visits
▪ McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area	303,191 visits
▪ Glenwood Springs Field Office	781,528 visits
▪ Uncompaghre Field Office	346,744 visits
▪ Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area	222,315 visits
▪ Royal Gorge Field Office	1,664,417 visits
▪ San Luis Valley Public Lands Center	296,838 visits
▪ Dolores Field Office	83,000 visits
▪ Columbine Field Office	485,401 visits
▪ Canyon of the Ancients National Monument	79,020 visits
Total.....	5,804,308 visits
  
- ❖ Permit these commercial efforts:
  - 1 ski area which generated \$49,206 in revenue in 2007
  - 670 Outfitter/Guide permits which generated \$389,880 in revenue in 2007
  
- ❖ Provide these recreation areas, facilities, services, and opportunities:
  - 1,204 miles of motorized and non-motorized system trails
  - Several thousand miles of non-system routes in open area designations
  - 50 Developed Recreational Sites (See attached)
  
- ❖ Operate these sites, areas, and services under REA authority:
  - Upper Colorado Special Recreation Management Area
  - Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area
  - Anasazi Heritage Center
  - 10 Campgrounds across the state that are not in one of the fee sites above.
  
- ❖ Collected about \$187,183 in revenue under REA authority in 2007
  
- ❖ Reinvest REA-authorized revenues where they are collected to do these things:
  - Operate, maintain, and reconstruct recreation sites and trails
  - Provide interpretive programs and enhanced visitor services
  - Provide additional trail and recreation patrols

## COLORADO BLM RECREATION SITES

### Grand Junction Resource Area Recreation Site

Rec Site Name	Approx. Elev. Ft MSL	Season Open	No. Sites	RV Length Limit	Nearest Town	Distance From	Facility Description	Attractions Near The Site
Big Dominguez	7,500	5/15 - 10/15	9	NA	Grand Junction	35 mi	Upland Campground; hiking trailhead; Capacity = 54 people	Fishing, hiking & wildlife viewing, access to Domingez Wilderness Study Area
Miracle Rock	7,000	Year Round	4	30 ft.	Grand Junction	24 mi	Upland Campground; interesting geologic features Capacity = 26 people	Hiking trail & Wildlife viewing
Mud Springs	8,000	5/15 - 10/15	12	30 ft.	Grand Junction	22 mi	Upland Campground; grills, toilets, drinking water; capacity = 74 people	Sightseeing, Pleasure driving.
Rabbit Valley	4,500	Year Round	8	30 ft.	Grand Junction	29 mi	Camping are with toilets, OHV staging area, hiking trailhead; capacity = 30 people	Sightseeing, hiking trails, horseback riding, OHV riding.

**Kremmling Resource Area Recreation Sites**

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Pumphouse	7,000	Year Round	14	30ft.	Kremmling	15 mi.	On-river camp-ground, primary Float boating ingress for Upper Colorado River; drinking water, tables disabled accessible toilets & fire rings; capacity = 84 people	River running, hiking trail, wildlife viewing, mountain biking.
Radium	7,000	Year Round	8	35ft.	Kremmling	25 mi.	On-river campground; boating access, tables, grills & disabled accessible toilets; 1 - Groupsite	River rafting, fishing, wildlife viewing & mountain biking

**Little Snake Resource Area Recreation Sites**

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Cedar Mountain	7,000	Year - Round	NA	NA	Craig	7 mi.	Upland day-use site; toilets, trailhead, trails; Capacity = 100 people	Scenic overlooks, hiking, mountain biking, wildlife viewing.
Irish Canyon Campground	6,000	Year - Round	6	20 ft. no hook up	Maybell	53 mi.	Scenic, arid, canyon campsite; capacity = 32 People.	Hunting, hiking, archeological rock art viewing.
Irish Canyon Rock Art	6,000	Year - Round	NA	NA	Maybell	53 mi.	Scenic/cultural resource day use area	Hunting, hiking, archeological rock Art viewing.
Rocky Reservoir Campground	6,000	Summer and Fall	8	Not Suitable	Maybell	70 mi.	Scenic, remote campsite; capacity = 32 People.	Hunting, hiking, scenery.

**Uncompahgre Basin Resource Area Recreation Sites**

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Chukar Trailhead	5,800	4/1 - 11/1	4	NA	Montrose	17 mi.	Upland Campground, Primary float boating Ingress for Gunnison River; 1-mile hiking Trail to river, picnic Tables, grills, toilets; capacity = 25 people	Fishing, Boating, Wildlife Viewing.
Ute Trailhead	6,600	4/1 - 11/1	2	NA	Olathe	10 mi.	Upland campground; 4.5 mile hiking trail into canyon, picnic tables, pit toilet; capacity = 12 people.	Mountain Biking, jeep trail & fishing.
Gunnison Forks	5,500	Year round	1	NA	Hotchkiss	7 mi	Along the Gunnison River; tables w/ cabanas, grills; toilets	Fishing, Boating, Scenic viewing, hiking
Beaver	6,500	4/1 - 11/1	1	NA	Norwood	7 mi	Boat launch along San Miguel River; Tables w/ cabanas; structure for changing room; toilets; capacity = 25 people	Boating, scenic viewing, fishing
Species Creek	6,500	4/1-11/1	1	NA	Telluride	25 mi	Boat launch along San Miguel River; tables w/ cabanas; grills; toilets	Boating, scenic viewing, fishing

Escalante potholes	6,000	Year round	1	NA	Delta		Within the Escalante Canyon providing picnic tables w/ cabanas; toilets; grills	Scenic and historical site viewing, hiking trails, dispersed camping
Headache 40	7,000	Year Round	1	NA	Ridgeway	5 mi	Trail access only; toilet; tables w/ cabanas; interpretive signs	Fishing, hiking, biking, running, wildlife viewing
Bedrock	6,300	Year Round	1	NA	Bedrock	1/2 mi	Along the Dolores River; boat ramp; picnic tables w/ cabanas; grills	Boating, scenic viewing, fishing

**San Luis Valley Public Lands Center Recreation Sites**

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Penitente Canyon SRMA	7,800	Year - Round	25	24 Ft.	LaGarita	3 mi	Scenic 25 site canyon campground, 7 pull-in, 18 walk-in, 2 group sites; toilets, tables, fire rings, drinking water; picnic area w/large gazebo; 15 miles of non-motorized trail, 5 trailheads; capacity-campground = 95 people, day-use= 225 people	Climbing, hiking, viewing scenery/wildlife, horseback riding, mountain biking.
Zapata Falls SRMA	9,500	5/1 - 11/31	9	NA	Alamosa	20 mi	Primarily day-use area, overnight parking for Wilderness visitors; Handicap accessible toilets, picnic tables, picnic grates, interpretive area; capacity- picnic area = 90 people, day-use = 150	Viewing falls, viewing scenery/wildlife, hiking, mountain biking, backpacking, horseback riding
Blanca Wetlands	7,800	07/15 – 02/14	4	NA	Alamosa	20 mi	Day-use area wetlands complex, Watchable Wildlife site; ½ mile interpretive loop trail; 4 handicap accessible toilets, 7 parking areas, fishing platforms, numerous trails; capacity- 125 people	Viewing scenery/wildlife, bird watching, hiking, fishing, waterfowl hunting

## Gunnison Resource Area Recreation Sites

Rec Site Name	Approx. Elev. Ft. MSL	Season Open	No. Sites	RV Length Limit	Nearest Town	Distance From	Facility Description	Attractions Near The Site
Cebolla Creek	8,500	5/1 - 10/15	3	25 ft.	Gunnison	32 mi.	Riverine campground; tables, grills, toilet; capacity = 18 people.	Fishing, pleasure Driving & hunting.
Mill Creek	9,500	6/1 - 10/30	22	35 ft.	Lake City	14 mi.	Riverine campground; drinking water, tables, grills, toilets; capacity= 60 people. \$7 per site.	OHV driving, fishing, hiking, viewing, historical ruins.
Red Bridge	8,000	5/1 - 10/30	7	35 ft.	Lake City	20 mi.	Riverine campground; fire rings, tables, toilet; capacity = 30 people \$5 per site	Fishing, wildlife viewing, rafting & kayaking.
The Gate	8,400	5/1 - 10/30	8	30 ft.	Lake City	15 mi.	Riverine campground; & day-use area; tables, toilets, fire rings; capacity = 30 people. \$5 per site	Fishing & camping.

## San Juan Resource Area Recreation Sites

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Anasazi Heritage Center	7,000	Year - Round	NA	NA	Dolores	4 mi.	Museum of Anasazi Indian Culture & Visitor center; disabled Accessible facility; Capacity = 400 people	Archaeological ruins, interpretive trail, and picnic sites.
Bradfield	6,400	4/1 - 10/31	22	30 ft.	Cahone	6 mi.	Riverine campground; tables, grills, toilets, drinking water, Dolores River boating access; capacity – 224 people; \$6/site.	Fishing. Boating, hiking, wildlife viewing & hunting.
Dolores Canyon Overlook	8,000	4/15 - 11/15	6	NA	Dove Creek	10 mi.	Upland day-use site; toilets, tables, fire rings, picnic tables, & trail; capacity = 40 people	Hiking, mountain biking, wildlife viewing & hunting.
Lowry Pueblo	6,700	Year - Round	NA	NA	Pleasant View	9 mi.	Upland day-use site; toilets, tables, wheelchair accessible, capacity = 56 people.	Viewing archaeological ruins & wildlife viewing.
Mountain Sheep Point	6,100	4/1 - 10/31	3	30 ft.	Dove Creek	5 mi.	Riverine campground; tables, grills, toilets; Capacity = 56 people.	Fishing, boating, hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting, & mountain biking.

## Royal Gorge Resource Area Recreation Sites

Sites in the Royal Gorge Area are managed under a BLM-Colorado State Parks partnership referred to as the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. User fees for these sites are \$2 person/day and \$12 campsite/night (up to six people).

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Five Points	5,832	Year - Round	20	From 30 To 79 ft.	Canon City	18 mi.	Off-river campground; Toilets, grills & tables; Capacity = 120 people	Wildlife Viewing, River Running, Hiking.
Vallie Bridge	6,575	Year - Round	16	No R.V. Access	Cotopaxi	6 mi.	On-river campground; Walk-in/Boat-in access Only! Tables, grills, Toilets at day use area. Capacity = 96 people	River Running, Fishing.
Rincon	6,850	Year - Round	5	From 22 To 70 ft	Salida	7 mi.	On-river campground, Tables, grills, toilets; Capacity = 30 people.	River Running, Fishing, Gold Panning.
Hecla	7,936	Year - Round	22	From 25 To 56 ft.	Salida	14 mi.	On-river campground Adjacent to the most Heavily used site on River; grills, disabled Accessible toilets & Changing rooms; Capacity = 132 people. Access road difficult To negotiate at certain Times of year.	River Running, Fishing, Hiking.
Ruby Mountain	7,950	Year - Round	22	From 30 To 48 ft	Buena Vista	6 mi.	On-river campground, Tables, grills, toilets; Capacity = 132 people.	River Running, Fishing, Rock Hounding, Hiking.
Railroad Bridge	8,323	Year - Round	14	From 50 To 60 ft	Buena Vista	6 mi.	On-river campground, Tables, grills, toilets; Capacity = 84 people	River Running, Fishing, Hiking, Adjacent to Four Mile Recreation Area with Mtn. Bike & Motorized Trails, Rock-Climbing Areas
Sand Gulch	6,800	Year Round	14	NA	Canon City	10 mi.	Scenic, arid, campground; Toilets, picnic tables, grills, Accessible, capacity 124	Sport rock climbing, back-country hiking and bicycling, watching wildlife.
The Bank	7,000	Year Round	14	NA	Canon City	10 mi.	Scenic, arid, campground; Toilets, picnic tables, grills, Accessible, capacity 124	Sport rock climbing, back-country hiking and bicycling, watching wildlife.

**Glenwood Springs Resource Area- Recreation Sites**

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Gypsum	6,200	5-15 thru 11-15	12	35ft.	Gypsum	1 mile	On River Campground- Tables, grills, toilets; \$10 a site Capacity- 60 people	Eagle River; boating, fishing
Wolcott	6,200	5-15 thru 11-15	6	N/A	Wolcott, Vail	1 mile	On River Campground- Tables, grills, toilets \$10 a site Capacity- 30 people	Eagle River; boating, fishing
Lyons Gulch	6,200	Year Round	4	N/A	Gypsum	9 miles	On River Campground- Tables, grills, toilets, boat ramp Capacity- 20 people	Colorado River; boating, fishing, driving for pleasure.
Catamount	6,600	Year Round	5	N/A	Burns Wolcott	4 miles 25 miles	On River Campground- Tables, grills, toilets, boat ramp Capacity-20 people	Colorado River; boating, fishing, driving for pleasure.
Deep Creek	6,300	Year Round	3	N/A	Gypsum	9 miles	Primitive Creekside Camping: Tables, grills Capacity-12 people	Deep Creek & Colorado River; hiking, fishing, driving for pleasure.
Cottonwood	6,200	Year Round	N/A	N/A	Gypsum	13 miles	On River-Day Use Area; Boat Ramp, picnic table and firering	Colorado River; boating, fishing, driving for pleasure.
Pinball	6,4 00	Year Round	N/A	N/A	Gypsum	27 miles	On River -Day Use Area; toilet, picnic table	Colorado River; boating, fishing, driving for pleasure.

**Colorado Fee Charges  
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Field Office	Location/Site	Fee Charged
Gunnison	Mill Creek Campground Red Bridge Campground The Gate Campground	\$7.00 per night \$5.00 per night \$5.00 per night
San Juan	Bradfield Recreation Area/camping	\$8.00 per night
Royal Gorge	Shelf Road Recreation Site Sand Gulch Campground  The Banks Campground	\$4.00 campsite per night \$8.00 group site per night \$4.00 campsite per night \$8.00 group site per night
Grand Junction	Mud Springs Campground	\$5.00 per night
Kremmling	Upper Colorado Fee Site Pumphouse Campground Radium Campground	\$3.00 day use/per vehicle \$10.00 per night \$8.00 per night
Glenwood Springs	Gypsum Campground Wolcott Campground	\$10.00 per night \$10.00 per night
San Luis Valley Public Lands Center	Penitente Canyon Campground	\$5.00/ individual site \$15.00/ group site
Anasazi Heritage Center	Fee Demo Site - Entrance Fee charged during March - October	\$3.00 per person/day use \$6.00 annual pass Golden Eagle accepted Age 17 and under - Free
Uncompahgre	Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area - Fee Demo Site	User Fees \$3.00 day use only \$5.00 day use & camping 1 night \$10.00 2 nights \$15.00 \$15.00 annual pass