

Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



AmeriCorps Get Sites in Shape



AmeriCorps volunteers clear downed trees resulting from the pine beetle epidemic and put in a new fire ring.

AmeriCorps St. Louis spent several weeks on the Forest completing numerous tasks including logging out and maintaining several trails, replacing new fire rings, painting and repairing tables, constructing fences and restocking firewood at cabins. Other projects included painting kiosks and removing dense young saplings that were choking the edges of a parking lot, and restoring the view of the East Pioneer Mountains.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations will benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Scouts Build Fence and Wall

At the Sheepshead Recreation Area Eagle Scout candidates completed reconstruction of a rail fence and construction of a 100-foot retaining wall around a section of Maney Lake. The project included repairs to picnic tables, and reestablishing horseshoe pits.



Youth earn their Eagle Scout status by helping out in the Forest.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures	
Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$149,468
Special Uses	\$56,188
Interagency Passes	\$2,770
Total	\$208,427
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$128,423
Visitor Services	\$15,619
Law Enforcement	\$6,078
Habitat Restoration	\$
Fee Agreements	\$
Cost of Collections	\$6,078
Total	\$156,199

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

Additional Accomplishments

- Partnered with Montana Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps, the National Smokejumper Association, the Student Conservation Association, the Northern Region Mule Pack Train and the Back Country Horsemen to maintain recreation facilities and trails and transport materials to distant job sites.
- Refurbished and repaired hand pumps.
- Painted and replaced picnic tables at several campgrounds and cabins.
- Caulked and painted the floors and doors of 20 toilets.
- Removed hazard trees at campgrounds, picnic areas, rental cabins, trailheads, interpretive sites and along trails throughout the forest.



Volunteers help steward and sustain the Forest.

- Purchased 21 new hypoallergenic, stain resistant and waterproof mattresses for use in rental cabins.
- Repaired the failing septic system at the historic Vigilante Station.
- Cleared vegetation, maintained tread and installed new signs along trails.
- Inspected and adjusted the photovoltaic system at Gordon Reese rental cabin. Also stained the deck.
- Installed new signs about food storage and bear safety as part of "Be Bear Aware".



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Northern Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,958,177
Special Uses	\$1,023,281
Interagency Passes	\$90,964
Total	\$3,072,422
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,013,432
Visitor Services	\$789,408
Law Enforcement	\$97,983
Habitat Restoration	\$59,047
Fee Agreements	\$6,718
Cost of Collections	\$200,284
Total	\$2,166,874

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