

# Bitterroot National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



### Historic Magruder Ranger Station



*Trapper Creek Job Corps students make a difference at Magruder Ranger Station*

The historic Magruder Ranger Station is a two-story, five-room log cabin available for rent for up to 10 people. Constructed in the 1920s, it is one of the seven buildings in an old complex and was once used as the rangers' residence.

Recreation fee funds of \$2,800 helped to fix a shower, repair the propane water heater, repair a broken window and screen door, and stain the exterior.

To maintain the historic integrity of the cabin, the Forest worked with a historian and preservation team for preparing the building and selecting a wood preservation treatment. These efforts helped ensure the building maintains its early 20th century appearance.

This effort was made possible with the help of Trapper Creek Job Corps students who learned job skills and about historic preservation.

### 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.

### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$129,571
Special Uses	\$77,647
Interagency Passes	\$4,070
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$211,288</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$60,897
Visitor Services	\$74,684
Law Enforcement	\$18,435
Habitat Restoration	\$
Fee Agreements	\$
Cost of Collections	\$26,655
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,672</b>

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

## Additional Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained 12 campgrounds, 1 swim area, several boating sites, 4 day use sites, 4 rental cabins, 3 rental lookouts, and 3 group facilities.
- Supported 16 volunteer campground hosts.
- Repaired broken asphalt, installed three information boards, sandblasted graffiti, installed swim lines, new buoys and boat dock, and repaired metal fire grates at Lake Como Recreation Area.
- Repaired and painted accessible fishing pier and log fence in Spring Gulch Campground.
- Expanded parking area at Alta Campground to accommodate boat trailers and extra vehicles.
- Installed new wood stove and pipe at Medicine Point Lookout.
- Maintained approximately 71 miles of trails and improved tread on 0.30 miles of trail
- Constructed turnpikes on the Tin Cup and Clifford Creek trails and blasted a large boulder on the Sleeping Child trail.
- Administered and monitored 70 outfitter and guide special use permits, and inspected 28 outfitter land or river camps.
- Processed and monitored numerous recreation events, such as the Lake Como Triathlon, Bitterroot Land Trust mountain bike event, and Lost Trail bike fest.



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The fishing pier at Spring Gulch was repaired after damage from a pine tree.

## Northern Region Map



## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,985,177
Special Uses	\$1,023,281
Interagency Passes	\$90,964
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,072,422</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,166,874</b>

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