

# Flathead National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



### Star Meadow Cabin Shines



*A new kitchen table graces Star Meadow*

The Star Meadow Cabin received a dose of care with the help of \$10,000 in recreation fee funds. A new horseshoe pit, hand hewn benches around a family size fire pit, a backyard patio

complete with benches and picnic table, a dog kennel for visiting canines, and new indoor dining table all improve a renter's experience at the cabin.

In addition the Youth Conservation Corps help preserve history at the cabin's bunkhouse. The bunkhouse was once a workshop and had black images of tools painted on white walls to ensure that tools were placed in the correct location. Over time those images had been covered, but a historic picture enabled the students to

recreate the look and location of each tool. For a minimal cost, youth had an awesome time re-creating the past.



*Youth re-create a workshop's atmosphere*

### 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	\$ 134,548
Special Uses	\$180,701
Interagency Passes	\$4,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$319,349</b>
Expenditures*	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$168,835
Visitor Services	\$63,241
Law Enforcement	\$14,054
Habitat Restoration	\$49,807
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$37,747
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 333,684</b>

\*Additional funds came from carryover dollars acquired in past years.

## New Cabin for Rent

Anna Creek Cabin is newly renovated and ready for rental. With no power, no phone and no cell service visitors can enjoy the views and beautiful location without the pressures of today's technology. Anna Creek Cabin, located on the west shore of the Hungry Horse Reservoir, had formally served as a Forest Service work center. It was constructed in 1953 and used up until the 1990s. As all buildings, the lack of use created numerous issues, so the Forest invested \$35,000 of recreation fee revenue to install new counter tops, drywall, flooring, outdoor restroom, parking, pathways, a fire pit and a deck.



*This 60-year old work center is now a rental*

### Additional Accomplishments:

- Provided snowplowing for winter visitors' access.
- Purchased kitchen supplies for cabins.
- Provided firewood and propane for cabin heat.
- Completed safety inspections at all sites.
- Restored picnic tables at campgrounds.
- Employed river ranger to complete campsite inventories along a Wild and Scenic River.

## Northern Region Map



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## 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>

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