

# Kootenai National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



### Developed Recreation



*The forest partnered with the Northwest Montana Forest Fire Lookout Association to rebuild two walls of the historic Sex Peak Lookout.*

Nearly 32 campgrounds, 18 cabin/lookout rentals and numerous other recreation sites and services benefited from recreation fee revenue. The Forest maintained sites and provided services such as mowing, collecting trash, cleaning, pumping toilets and septic tanks, and providing utilities. The Forest increased safety by removing hazard trees and limbs, testing drinking water, repairing propane lines, placing rocks to keep vehicles in designated areas, and leveling camp sites to prevent tripping.

### 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.

### Special Uses

The Forest provided administration for several recreation and filming events including the Le Tour De Kooconusa, a one day bike ride with 130 participants where proceeds benefit David Thompson Search and Rescue. Participants not only provide needed funding but have a great day enjoying the beauty of the Kooconusa Reservoir.



*Le Tour De Kooconusa Race starts just below Libby Dam.*

### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$207,686
Special Uses	\$33,111
Interagency Passes	\$1,240
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$242,038</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$34,837
Visitor Services	\$131,589
Law Enforcement	\$7,388
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$173,814</b>

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

## Volunteers and Partners

The Forest partnered with multiple groups, organizations and volunteers, leveraging an additional \$730,000 to fund projects such as Yaak Mountain Lookout painting and controlling weeds at developed sites. Recreation managers spent a day with a local charter school to re-establish the Ross Creek Cedars that had partially washed away from spring flooding. Recreation fee funds also supported volunteers who monitor sites and help maintain recreation sites through services such as trash collection, cleaning, and litter pick-up.



Trail re-construction with Forrest M. Bird Charter School



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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
<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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