



Lolo National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



Old Skills Still Needed



The historic Ninemile ranch still serves a vital purpose

The Civilian Conservation Corps built the Ninemile Remount Depot in the 1930s as a pack stock breeding/training facility. While still a working ranch, in 1988, Ninemile became a traditional skills training center to enable seasonal employees and

volunteers to learn and use traditional backcountry skills. In 2015, about 100 participants studied Leave No Trace, backcountry survival, beginning and advanced horse packing, Dutch oven cooking, and using a cross cut saw.

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.

Smoothing the Rough Spots

While staying in a remote cabin can be the experience of a lifetime, when one encounters splinters or bruises from tripping on an ancient rough floor, a dream getaway can quickly turn sour. To help give visitors the best experience possible, the Forest invested \$6,000 of

recreation fee funds in materials, supplies and labor to sand down and refurbish the floors on two lookouts and one rental.



Smooth floors now cover Thompson Peak Lookout

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$270,717
Special Uses	\$54,944
Interagency Passes	\$3,482
Total	\$329,143
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$123,199
Visitor Services	\$27,903
Law Enforcement	\$8,113
Habitat Restoration	\$9,240
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$13,641
Total	\$182,095

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

Sharing the Savenac Experience

The Forest offers three cabin rental opportunities at the Savenac historic tree nursery, one of the oldest, largest and most beautiful nurseries in the West. Founded in 1907, nursery operations concluded in 1969 and now the site consists of a visitor center and the rentals of a bunkhouse, a cookhouse and the West Cottage.

The bunkhouse offers no cooking opportunities, but sleeps eight. People renting the cookhouse can serve up grand family style dinners with the huge kitchen and enough service items to feed 35. This unique rental also sleeps nine.



Savenac Tree nursery

The Forest spent \$23,350 in recreation fee funds to keep these rentals in shape during the year, and focused specifically on the West Cottage, which sleeps six and also has a full kitchen.

Renters may enjoy the grounds and stop by the Visitor's Center, which features hand-carved ceilings with a different design in each room.



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Savenac Bunkhouse



Savenac West Cottage

Northern Region Map



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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

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