



Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



Salmon River Permits Available on Rec.gov



Jet boating on the wild and scenic Salmon River

Enjoying the Wild and Scenic Salmon River in a powerboat is a popular recreational activity. On June 1st, 2015, the Main Salmon Powerboat Permit system became available at www.recreation.gov. Before that, visitors could receive permits only by calling or visiting the Slate Creek Ranger Station during business hours.

Because visitors often showed up to boat without a permit, they were routinely inconvenienced when they needed to leave to obtain a permit or use a credit card for payment.

Recreation.gov provides unlimited access for obtaining permits as well as a 24-hour call center with a help desk. The Forest can also now track use of the river outside of the permitted season, which will aid future visitor services on the river.

Recreation fee revenue not only helps to administer the permits, but helps enable the Forest to maintain and enhance popular river access sites, camping and picnicking areas along the river.

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	\$277,126
Special Uses	\$83,818
Interagency Passes	\$1,830
Total	\$362,774
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$76,261
Visitor Services	\$31,455
Law Enforcement	\$3,539
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$6,718,
Cost of Collections	\$0
Total	\$117,973

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

Additional Accomplishments

Developed Recreation

- Maintained 25 campgrounds, nine cabin/lookout rentals and other sites by mowing, collecting trash, cleaning, pumping toilets and septic tanks, testing water, removing hazard trees, and providing customer services and utilities.
- Supported hosts who contributed 10,000 hours of visitor assistance and maintenance work at many campgrounds.
- Maintained recently installed signs and information boards at campgrounds and trailheads.



Many Campgrounds remained closed in 2015 due to fire

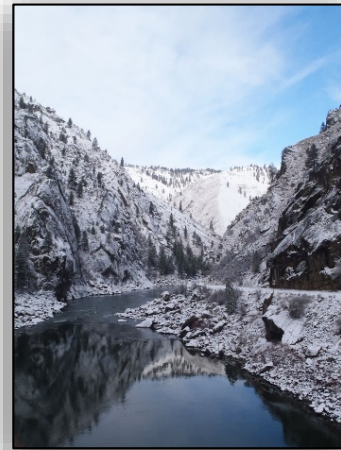
- Groomed Lolo Pass Nordic Ski Trail System and provided assistance to visitors.
- Provided visitor information and education and monitored river use through the river ranger program.
- Maintained river put-in/take-out facilities and whitewater trailhead signs.

Trails and Rivers

- Maintained approximately 60 miles of primary access trails by removing downed trees, repairing and/or installing water-bars, repairing eroded trail tread, fixing bridges, and installing signs.



The Wind River Bridge serves as a trailhead to the Gospel-Hump Wilderness



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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.

Northern Region Map

