

# Dakota Prairie Grasslands

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



### Coal Creek Solar Well



*Recreation, Trails, and Fire work together to install a fence around the Coal Creek Campground solar well.*

A solar powered water pump was installed at the Coal Creek Campground and trailhead in 2014. This solar well has been an instant success with grassland visitors. Hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers who use the Maah Daah Hey trail now have an additional water source as they traverse the southern section of the trail. In 2015 staff added a fence around the solar well to protect the solar panels, control box, and pump controls from livestock and wildlife.

### 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.

### Sather Lake Fishing Pier

Recreation fees of \$2,500 helped fund a new ABS plastic fishing pier, which replaced a 20-year-old aluminum pier at Sather Lake. The new fishing pier has the ability to stay in the water year-round, is safer, and has been an instant success with local anglers.



*Contractors install a new fishing pier at Sather Lake.*

### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$18,303
Special Uses	\$4,213
Interagency Passes	\$2,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,286</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,709
Visitor Services	\$
Law Enforcement	\$
Habitat Restoration	\$
Fee Agreements	\$
Cost of Collections	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,709</b>

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

## Campsite Post Replacement

The oil boom in the Bakken region has caused a rapid increase in visitor use on the Little Missouri National Grassland in western North Dakota. A shortage of housing has resulted in many people living and residing on NFS lands and campgrounds. As a result, an increase in vandalism and theft has occurred in numerous recreation sites. Recreation fee funds helped to renumber and replace missing campsite posts, parking barriers, and fire rings at the Sather Lake Campground.



Fire crew assists in installing new site marker posts

### Additional Accomplishments:

- Operated and maintained 12 campgrounds, three day use areas, and six trailheads. Completed tasks such as mowing, weed eating, site cleanup, vault toilet pumping, and noxious weed removal.
- Repaired buck and rail fence at Initial Rock Interpretive Site
- Installed wildlife vent screens on all vault toilets and comfort stations.
- Provided outdoor education class in collaboration with Williston High 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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