

Flathead National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2016

Anna Creek Cabin Open



The Forest completed work on the Anna Creek Cabin in June 2016 and was able to open the cabin in August. This newest addition to the Forest’s popular cabin rental program was full 70% of the time in its first season. The opening of Anna Creek Cabin marks the end of a two-year, \$40,000 project funded by recreation fee revenue. The investment into the cabin provides a new and exciting recreation opportunity on Hungry Horse Reservoir for the public.

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 benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Fixing up the Flathead

Recreation fee revenue of over \$60,000 collected from river outfitter and guides supported the river ranger program on the North Fork, Middle Fork and South Fork of the Flathead Wild and Scenic River.

The river ranger patrols provided public education and safety, and permit monitoring. They cleaned debris (human caused and natural) out of the river, and maintained and cleaned developed recreation sites along the river. Recreation fee funds also leveraged partner support with Montana Conservation Corp, Student Conservation Corp, Glacier National Park, and volunteers who also helped with the many river projects. Additionally, recreation fee revenue supported maintenance and improvement projects at 14 developed river access sites within its corridor.



River Rangers worked with three partners to remove a culvert from the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.

Other Accomplishments

The forest has 15 cabins in the cabin rental program. With the popularity of the cabin rental program, visitors typically need to make reservations months in advance. Use is high at almost all sites and normal wear and tear takes its toll on the site and furniture. In 2016, cabin rental revenue funded minor site upgrades and the purchase of new furniture across the forest cabin rental system. Approximately \$20,000 was spent to make minor improvements to sites and purchase new furniture and amenities, including heaters, stoves, couches, tables and beds.



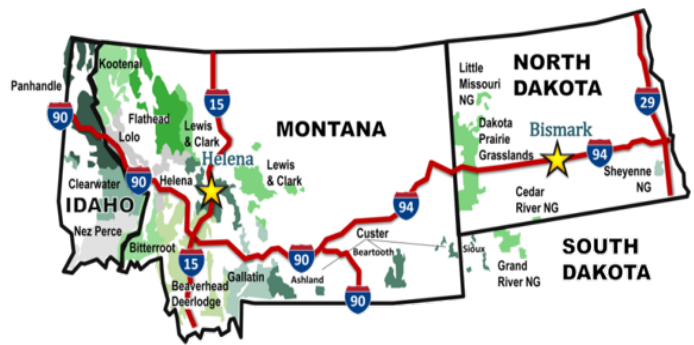
Alpine view in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex



New wood shed (left) and gravel (bottom) at Swan Guard Station



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$143,223	\$2,056,813
Special Uses	\$202,844	\$1,151,360
Interagency Passes	\$4,670	\$84,146
Total	\$350,737	\$3,292,320
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$84,523	\$925,542
Visitor Services	\$36,718	\$720,721
Law Enforcement	\$8,146	\$76,857
Habitat Restoration	\$32,865	\$45,474
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$12,511
Collections/Overhead	\$15,529	\$195,806
Total	\$177,781	\$1,976,910