

Kootenai National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2016

Developed Recreation



*Yaak Mountain
Lookout*

Across the Forest, nearly 32 campgrounds, 18 cabin/lookout rentals and numerous other recreation sites and services benefited through recreation fee revenue. Work included:

- Maintained quality recreation experiences through services such as mowing, trash collection, cleaning, vault toilet and septic tank pumping, minor building repairs, and utilities.
- Enhanced public safety through hazard tree and hazard limb removal, replacing signs and testing of drinking water.

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.

Volunteers and Partners

The Forest partnered with multiple groups, organizations and volunteers, leveraging an additional \$188,000 in volunteer hours. Recreation fee funds also supported volunteers who helped perform avalanche surveys and remote lookout surveys.



Avalanche survey in progress.

Special Uses and Events

The Forest administered many Outfitter and Guides and recreation event permits. One event, the Kootenai Valley Triathlon, consists of a 5k run, 7-mile paddle of the Kootenai River and 7.5 mile bike ride. About 65 people joined in this years event, which promotes family and fitness.

*Kootenai
Valley
Triathlon
watercraft
ready for
the river
paddle*



Images of the Kootenai



Mt. Wam Lookout (top). Credit Matthew Weller 2014 Share the Experience.

Little Spark Lake (bottom). Credit Julie Shae 2016 Share the Experience.



Lake Koocanusa Recreation Area

Northern Region



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$230,144	\$2,056,813
Special Uses	\$39,791	\$1,151,360
Interagency Passes	\$1,430	\$84,146
Total	\$271,365	\$3,292,320
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$35,443	\$925,542
Visitor Services	\$122,902	\$720,721
Law Enforcement	\$6,250	\$76,857
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$45,474
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$12,511
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$195,806
Total	\$164,595	\$1,976,910