Credit Brennan Galloway 2015 Share the Experience

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

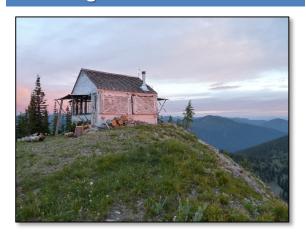
The Forest administered many Outfitter and Guides and recreation event permits. One event, the Kootenai Valley Triathlon, consists of a 5k run, 7-mile paddle of the Kootenai River and 7.5 mile bike ride. About 65 people joined in this years event, which promotes family and fitness.

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



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
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Fee Agreements \$0 \$12,511
Collections/Overhead \$0 \$195,806

Total \$164,595 \$1,976,910

Habitat Restoration

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and upcoming startup costs.

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\$45,474