



Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Accessible Improvements



AmeriCorps crew at work on an accessible bridge located at Maney Lake.

AmeriCorps St. Louis contributed over 850 hours of volunteer labor to help rebuild bridges, remove hazard trees, and provide general site maintenance across the forest. Part of this work was to reconstruct three accessible foot bridges, repair fencing, and remove hazard trees at the Sheepshead Recreation Area. The partnership with AmeriCorps has enabled the forest to complete maintenance and improvement projects at many fee sites for the past 17 years.

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.



Extraordinary Volunteer

Extraordinary volunteer sitting in front of Hogan Cabin



The forest has 25 cabin rentals spread across the landscape. Constructed in the 1920s primarily as quarters for district rangers and crews working in the backcountry. The forest, along with partners and volunteers, strives to maintain the safety and historical integrity of these special destinations.

The forest had a dedicated volunteer in 2017 who brought his experience and unique skills to help with a number of restoration projects. He has worked on historic preservation projects previously; so he was able to ensure this integrity while making numerous repairs to cabin doors and windows, replacing rotted logs and timbers, painting floors, and oiling cabin walls, roofs, and out buildings.



The popular Black Butte cabin.

Other partners involved in providing and preserving these special destinations include the National Smokejumpers Association, AmeriCorps, MCC, the Anaconda Job Corps, and individual volunteers.

Other Accomplishments

- Refurbished, repaired and repainted drinking water hand pumps at several fee sites.
- Patched, caulked and painted the floors, walls, roofs and doors of vault toilets at campgrounds and cabins.
- Sanded, repainted and replaced picnic table planks at several campgrounds and rental cabins.
- Replaced information kiosks and signs at fee sites and trailheads.
- Installed signs that discuss proper food storage and bear safety as part of the Be Bear Aware campaign.
- Installed several bear-proof food storage lockers, garbage receptacles and game racks.

Youth Corps and Volunteer Projects:

- Cleared fallen trees, maintained trail tread and installed new signs along trails.
- Removed hazard trees from recreation facilities and rental cabins.
- Collected, cut and stacked firewood at rental cabins.



Split and stacked firewood at a cabin rental



Triple Lakes, located in the Lee Metcalf Wilderness

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$156,711	\$2,039,768
Special Uses	\$84,265	\$1,215,263
Interagency Passes	\$9,555	\$208,343
Total	\$250,531	\$3,463,374

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$131,243	\$1,560,502
Visitor Services	\$17,435	\$650,183
Law Enforcement	\$5,686	\$74,349
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$60,422
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$5,686	\$233,792
Total	\$160,050	\$2,579,249

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