



Dakota Prairie Grasslands

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Buck & Rail Fence Repair



Completed fence repair at the CCC Campground

The forest completed repairs on the buck and rail fence at Wannagan and CCC Campgrounds. Employees spent five days removing rotten and damaged rails, braces, and posts.

Wannagan is a small fenced-in campground that accesses the Buffalo Gap Trail.

The CCC Campground is a larger fenced site and is a favorite for those planning on traveling on the Maah Daah Hey, Long X and Summit trails.

The forest spent about \$4,000 of recreation fee funds on the fence repair project.

Bennett Campground Shade Trees



New planted tree

Campers staying at the Bennett Campground will enjoy shade, privacy, and aesthetics thanks to trees planted within the campground with the help of recreation fee revenue.

In a trial project, the forest planted three Amur Chokecherry (*Prunus maackii*) and seven Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) based on their hardiness zone, soil type, wind and moisture tolerance, and intended use.

The forest surrounded trees with wood borders, mulching, water bags in an attempt to increase survival rate. The borders prevent damage to trees from lawn mowers and weed trimmers while the mulch and water bags ensure adequate water supply to trees during establishment.

If these trees prove to be hardy, the forest will expand the project to other Dakota Prairie Grasslands campgrounds and trailheads.

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.

New Lawn Mower

Thanks to campground revenue, the recreation staff on the Little Missouri National Grassland were able to update their old, worn out, lawn mowers with a new zero turn lawn mower.

The new mower enables crews to cover more ground thanks to faster speeds and reliability.



A workhorse for mowing campgrounds, picnic areas and other sites.



Scenic Overlook adjacent to the Maah Daah Hey Trail on the Medora Ranger District, Little Missouri National Grassland.

Photo by: Greg Morel

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$22,877	\$2,039,768
Special Uses	\$5,296	\$1,215,263
Interagency Passes	\$19,989	\$208,343
Total	\$48,163	\$3,463,374
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$14,330	\$1,560,502
Visitor Services	\$0	\$650,183
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$74,349
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$60,422
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$233,792
Total	\$14,330	\$2,579,249

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