



# Kootenai National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

### Boat Ramp Repairs



*Boat launch before repairs*

Through appropriations, the boat ramp was reconstructed by installing sheet piling and backfilling with concrete. This project will protect the boat ramp for years to come.



*McGillivray Boat Launch after repairs*

The McGillivray recreation area located on Lake Koocanusa, includes a campground, boat launch, beach area with a pavilion, and a rental pavilion. The Forest widened the boat launch in 2011; however, high water events caused undercutting to the boat ramp turn-around. Through a combination of recreation fees and

### Upper Ford Cabin Improvements

The Kootenai National Forest provided a 76 year old Engelmann spruce, for the Capitol Christmas Tree. The tree had been growing near the Upper Ford Cabin warehouse. Prior to the tree cutting ceremony, the forest "spruced" up the Upper

Ford site by cleaning, repairing, painting and clearing vegetation. Recreation fee funds and Capitol Christmas funds paid for this project.



*Before and after of the Upper Ford Cabin*

### A Second Host Site



*Second host site at Rexford Bench Campground*

Rexford Bench Campground is part of a larger complex including a boat launch with parking for over 100 vehicles, a dedicated beach, and Kamloops Campground. With over 50 campsites, Rexford Bench

is at nearly full capacity during the summer. Located near the Canadian border, visitation is even higher during both U.S. and Canadian holidays. In order to improve visitor service, the forest added a second host site by installing power, water and a phone. This will allow seven day coverage and improve host services throughout the summer.

### 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.



## Other Accomplishments

### General Accomplishments

- Maintained fee sites and provided services such as mowing, collecting trash, cleaning, pumping toilets and septic tanks, and providing utilities.
- Increased safety by removing hazard trees and limbs, testing drinking water, repairing propane lines, and leveling camp sites to prevent tripping.
- Supported volunteers, including 19 campground host sites (32 volunteers). Hosts provide information about the area, appropriate use of public lands and instill an appreciation for the area's natural and cultural history.
- Cut and delivered firewood to fee campgrounds

### Specific Accomplishments

- Repaired shutters at Wam Lookout in partnership with the Northwest Montana Forest Fire Lookout Association
- Repaired generator for a remote host site
- Replaced failed well pump at Rocky Gorge Campground
- Replaced vacuum breakers at Rexford Bench Complex dump station
- Repainted parking lot lines
- Supported Law Enforcement Officers during OHV recreation event
- Replaced cabin furniture and supplies
- Replaced porches on the East Fork Guard Station cabin in partnership with the Cabinet Back Country Horsemen
- Repaired damaged water hydrant at Bull River Campground



*View of Lake Koocanusa Bridge looking into the Ten Lakes Wilderness Study Area*

## Regional Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$185,650	\$2,039,768
Special Uses	\$48,758	\$1,215,263
Interagency Passes	\$6,221	\$208,343
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,628</b>	<b>\$3,463,374</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$69,572	\$1,560,502
Visitor Services	\$101,023	\$650,183
Law Enforcement	\$3,000	\$74,349
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$60,422
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$5,000	\$233,792
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$178,595</b>	<b>\$2,579,249</b>