

# Lolo National Forest Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

#### Construction of Split Rail Fence



Sloway Campground split rail fence

The forest constructed a split rail fence to surround Sloway Campground in 2017 to protect the sites from free-range cattle. A portion of the fence had been constructed many years ago, however it was never finished. However, even that fence needed to be replaced as most of the old fence was rotten.

The forest, with the help of a contractor,

#### **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.

constructed or reconstructed over 3,500 feet of

Located near the Clark River, Sloway offers tent and RV sites. It has facilities for equestrian campers and is a popular base camp for fly fishers, rafters, kayakers and other boaters. These visitors will appreciate not sharing their camping experience with grazing cattle.

#### **Monture Cabin Rental Upkeep**



Monture Barn sanded and stained

The Forest used recreation fee funds to maintain three buildings at the Monture Cabin Rental. The main cabin, along with the barn and old pump house, were sanded and treated with stain to ensure long-term weather resistance.



The front porch of the Monture Cabin Rental



#### **Other Accomplishments**

- Winterized water systems at campgrounds and cabin/lookout rental sites.
- Pumped over 100 vault toilets.
- Replaced water lines at several campgrounds.
- Provided propane for Savenac, Hogback Homestead, and Monture Rec Rental Cabins.
- Sampled & tested water at developed sites.
- Operated fee sites with the help of seven seasonal employees.
- Provided supplies for about 35 volunteer campground hosts.
- Provided partnership matching dollars for "Framing Our Communities Restoration" projects.
- Reconstructed and painted all picnic tables at Seeley Lake Campground
- Replaced all site number signs and posts at Riverpoint and Seeley Lake Campgrounds
- The Ninemile Wildlands Training Center held traditional skills classes including Axemanship, Crosscut Saw Sharpening and Packing - 86 agency and non-agency students received training.

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Iconic Whitebark Pine are found along trails maintained with outfitter and guide fees

## **Regional Map**



## **Revenue & Expenditures**

Revenue	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$233,075	\$2,039,768
Special Uses	\$53,413	\$1,215,263
Interagency Passes	\$13,810	\$208,343
Total	\$300,299	\$3,463,374
Expenditures*	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$274,585	\$1,560,502
Visitor Services	\$41,320	\$650,183
Law Enforcement	\$10,410	\$74,349
Habitat Restoration	\$5,205	\$60,422
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$12,145	\$233,792
Total	\$343,665	\$2,579,249

<sup>\*</sup> Additional funds came from carryover dollars acquired in past years.