



Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

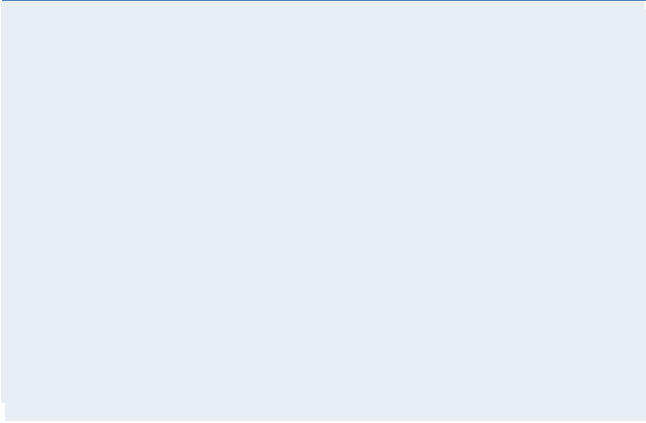
Custom Stock Feed Bunks



Stock feed bunks completed project with volunteers

The Forest partnered with Last Chance Back Country Horseman (LCBCH) to install two stock feed bunks at Kading Campground. The campground accesses popular horse riding trails and feed bunks enable riders to better prepare their animals for the trek. The LCBCH offered 15 volunteers, heavy equipment, supplies and funds and the Forest contributed \$3,800 in recreation fee funds to complete the bunks. These custom-made steel and concrete bunks should withstand harsh weather with little to no maintenance. Already the Forest has seen increased use at the trailhead and campground because of this extra feature.

Recreation Fee Dollars



Peeling Paint Fix

Monument Peak Lookout offers guests a spectacular 360 degree views of the Little Belt Mountains. Built in 1936, the Forest stopped using the lookout in the 1970s, and in 1999 removed its tower and placed it on a short, solid foundation to offer it as a rental. The lookout desperately needed freshening, so a crew of six scraped and repainted the entire cabin. Recreation fee funds paid for all materials including scrapers, brushes and paint for a total of \$1500.



Monument Peak Lookout with a fresh coat of paint

Dry Wolf Cabin Upgrades

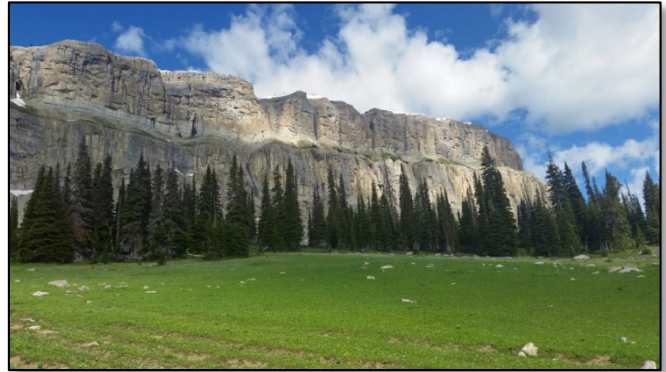
Dry Wolf Cabin, located in the Little Belt Mountains, offers a pleasant setting for anglers, wildlife watchers and hikers. In 2018, the Forest replaced the cabin's windows and installed laminated wood flooring at a total of \$3,000 in recreation fee funds.



Dry wolf cabin upgrades

Other Accomplishments

- Provided education on proper food storage and attractants in grizzly country as well as the use of weed seed-free feed.
- Cleared 50 miles of trails in Big Belt Mountains, constructed drainage features, completed spot maintenance and tread improvements.
- Cleared over 300 miles of trails in the Elkhorn Mountains and Bob Marshall Wilderness.
- maintained 37 campgrounds, 8 picnic areas, 4 boat launches, 17 rental cabins, 8 interpretive sites and over 1,500 dispersed recreation sites.
- Repaired a trail bridge.
- Purchased supplies such as toilet paper, soap, hand towels, light fixtures and bulbs for recreation sites.



Chinese Wall, Bob Marshall Wilderness

Visitor Services

The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center boasts 65 active volunteers, who, contributed 9,630 hours in. To add to the uniqueness of our volunteer corps, one volunteer is a Newfoundland dog named Buddy who attracts quite a crowd and connects people to the story of Lewis and Clark like no other human can.

The Forest partnered with local schools to put on educational programming that offers outdoor classrooms to children who learn about scientific topics such as fire ecology, wildlife, and tree identification.

Northern Region



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$292,463	\$2,117,599
Special Uses	\$130,934	\$1,174,340
Interagency Passes	\$47,212	\$138,219
Total	\$470,609	\$3,430,158
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$119,748	\$1,728,460
Visitor Services	\$133,112	\$750,600
Law Enforcement	\$17,004	\$71,503
Habitat Restoration	\$4,610	\$71,072
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$5,736	\$363,714
Total	\$280,210	\$2,985,349