

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

Cary Miller, Custer-Gallatin National Forest, Share the Experience Photo Contest 2017

AmeriCorps Performs Work

AmeriCorps St. Louis returned to the forest for a 19th year to perform a wide array of recreation site and trail maintenance, supported by recreation fee funds.



AmeriCorps St. Louis crewmember clearing a trail of downed trees

- Cleared, maintained and constructed 288 miles of trail.
- Maintained and constructed 547 drainage features.
- Cleared 1,905 downed trees from trails.
- Removed 152 hazard trees from trails, roads and recreation fee sites.
- Brushed and removed hazard trees from 17 road miles.
- Brushed and mowed 25 acres at recreation fee sites.
- Installed 13 trailhead/interpretive kiosks.
- Painted one cabin and five toilet buildings.

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.



Rental Cabins Updated

Rental cabins are immensely popular and most on this forest are historic and need regular maintenance and restoration. Seasonal crews built an addition to the Racetrack Cabin roof to keep steps dry and safe for visitors, and expanded the Douglas Cabin woodshed for increased firewood storage to reduce re-supply needs. Volunteers worked with the Regional Historic Preservation Team on a number of restoration projects, and will mentor local crews in historic preservation techniques next season. Recreation fee funds paid for materials, supplies and volunteer reimbursements.



Volunteers take a break after restoration

Sheepshead Recreation Area

Recreation fee dollars funded materials, supplies, and reimbursement for volunteer campground hosts at the Sheepshead Recreation Area. Hosts maintained campground access, and maintained seven toilets, two pavilions and 30 picnic tables. They painted restrooms, replaced window screens and picnic table components, and picnic tables. They



Tables and benches were reconditioned

painted restrooms, replaced window screens and picnic table components, and conducted vegetation management around recreation facilities.

AmeriCorps crews cleared and maintained the trails around Maney Lake, while Boys Scouts of America assisted with clean-up projects and invasive weed removal.

Other Accomplishments

- Cleaned and repaired rental cabins logs, plumbing and fencing.
- Cleaned and repaired stoves and stove pipes, and maintained rental cabin smoke detectors.
- Painted interior walls, trim and doors of rental cabin.
- Patched, caulked and painted the floors, interior and exterior walls, roofs and doors of vault toilets at campgrounds and cabins.
- Refurbished, repaired and repainted drinking water hand pumps at fee sites.
- Repaired and repainted a burned toilet building.
- Collected, cut and stacked firewood at rental cabins across the forest.
- Purchased propane for rental cabins.
- Removed heavy snow from cabin roofs.
- Removed hazard trees from recreation facilities and rental cabins throughout the forest.



The forest is well known for its high mountain lakes

Northern Region



AmeriCorps St. Louis cutting and stacking firewood in a rental cabin woodshed



Removing a dangerous snow load from the Gordon Reese Cabin



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$218,823	\$2,309,376
Special Uses	\$79,236	\$1,252,856
Interagency Passes	\$4,960	\$122,160
Total	\$303,019	\$3,684,392
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$138,950	\$1,810,965
Visitor Services	\$17,834	\$898,833
Law Enforcement	\$8,083	\$73,214
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$107,037
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$14,720
Collections/Overhead	\$6,505	\$279,237
Total	\$171,372	\$3,184,006