

Bitterroot National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

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



Trapper Creek Job Corps



Trapper Creek Job Corps helps the Forest Service complete much needed projects

The Trapper Creek Job Corps carpentry shop helped expand the supply storage shed at Spring Gulch Campground in the spring of 2019. Students gained valuable skills for employment or further education as they helped the forest complete a variety of important and much needed projects. This partnership allowed the project to be completed with a less than \$1,000 investment of recreation fee funds for supplies.

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.



Twogood Cabin Access

The Twogood Cabin is located near Porcupine Creek and offers visitors a rustic stay on the forest. The surrounding mountains provide plenty of recreation activities including hiking, backpacking and horseback riding. In 2019, an avalanche covered the trail leading to the backcountry recreation rental. Due to this natural event the cabin was inaccessible. The forest trail crew took two weeks to clear the debris just in time for the rental season. The cabin can be reserved at www.recreation.gov.



Cabin access is blocked by debris from an avalanche



Due to the amount of debris, it took the forest trail crew two weeks to clear the debris

Other Accomplishments

- Replaced rotted planks, sanded and stained, or painted 65 picnic tables and two water fountains at recreation sites.
- Filled in potholes at campgrounds.
- Repainted two information boards.
- Repaired water systems at two campgrounds.
- Painted interior of two vault toilets.
- Installed a new and improved drain system in the basement of a recreation rental cabin.
- Installed new sleeping mattresses at a recreation rental cabin.
- Installed a new campground gate.
- Replaced boat launch signage.
- Expanded parking at a boat launch site.
- Installed two new information signs.
- Removed and replaced 300 feet of riparian post and pole fence.
- Removed noxious weeds in high use recreation area.
- Constructed and installed a new fire pit and native log benches.
- Sanded and stained rental lookout signage.
- Maintained, repaired and painted fishing pier.
- Built an extension to a shed at a campground to increase supply and tool storage.



Sunset over the Bitterroot Mountain Range

Northern Region



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$195,155	\$2,309,376
Special Uses	\$84,082	\$1,252,856
Interagency Passes	\$8,120	\$122,160
Total	\$287,357	\$3,684,392
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$111,217	\$1,810,965
Visitor Services	\$45,069	\$898,833
Law Enforcement	\$6,415	\$73,214
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$107,037
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$14,720
Collections/Overhead	\$20,135	\$279,237
Total	\$182,836	\$3,184,006