

# Idaho Panhandle National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

### The Barge



*Maintaining restroom facilities at boat-in campsites on Priest Lake*

The forest operated and maintained over 110 campsites, a host cabin and over 20 vault toilets on the islands and shore line of Priest Lake with an investment of approximately \$50,000 of recreation fee funds. The barge is critical for operation, maintenance and repairs to all of these facilities, and removed over 7,000 gallons of waste in 2019.

### 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.



### Emerald Creek Rock Finds

Gem enthusiasts and rock hounds enjoy mining for rare star garnets at the Emerald Creek Garnet Area. In 2019, the forest was unable to secure enough material to open to the public. However, the forest invested \$20,000 of recreation fee dollars and leveraged other funding sources to excavate new panels for the 2020 season. When open, seasonal employees assist with well over 6,000 visitors, including 1,500 children. Most people walk away with 2 to 3 ounces of star garnets, but more serious diggers occasionally find 4 to 6 pounds in a day.



*Star Garnets collected from Emerald Creek Garnet Area*

### New Recreation Rentals

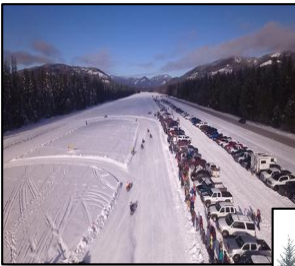


*New additions to the cabin rental program!*

The forest added Beaver Creek Cabin and Spyglass Ground House to reservation services for the 2019 season. The forest manages these two sites plus ten other historic rental cabins and lookouts using recreation fee revenue. Fee dollars in concert with grants, donations and volunteer labor supported both of these renovation projects, and will continue to fund cleaning, maintenance and repairs at these rental locations. Reservations can be made at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

## Other Accomplishments

- Administered over 20 outfitter and guide permits.
- Administered ten recreation event permits.
- Operated and maintained 39 campgrounds.
- Leveraged grants to fund Youth Conservation Corps and local youth to complete recreation improvements.
- Planned survey and design work at fees sites for future grant submissions.



*Vintage snowmobile recreation event*



*Spyglass Ground House*



*Priest Lake dog sledding recreation event*



*Scenic views from the forest*

## Northern Region



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$182,892	\$2,309,376
Special Uses	\$48,660	\$1,252,856
Interagency Passes	\$15,460	\$122,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$247,012</b>	<b>\$3,684,392</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$82,556	\$1,810,965
Visitor Services	\$38,929	\$898,833
Law Enforcement	\$6,156	\$73,214
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$107,037
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$14,720
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$279,237
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$127,641</b>	<b>\$3,184,006</b>