

Kootenai National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

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

Water System Updates at Timberlane Campground



Timberlane Campground is located along a forested creek in an area with towering trees. The campground offers users a great opportunity for large family gatherings, accommodating up to 200 people. In 2019, the forest used \$8,500 of recreation fee funds to refurbish the pump house with repairs to walls, new paint, lighting and insulation. This needed maintenance will enable users of Timberlane Campground continued use of the water system.

Campground Host Support



A seasonal employee assembling a new utility wagon for campground hosts

Timberlane pump house before and after repairs



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.

Recreation fees funded seasonal employees who cleaned and cared for forest campgrounds and supported campground hosts. Along with regular supplies needed at campgrounds, recreation fee dollars paid for two new utility wagons for the campground hosts to transport cleaning supplies around the campgrounds.

Other Accomplishments

- Maintained fee sites to include mowing, painting, collecting trash, cleaning, pumping toilets and septic tanks and providing utilities.
- Identified and removed hazard trees and limbs at fee sites.
- Tested public water systems for health and safety.
- Repaired propane lines.
- Leveled camp sites to reduce tripping hazards.
- Supported volunteers, including 19 campground host sites. Hosts provide information about the area, appropriate use of public lands and instill an appreciation for the area's natural and cultural history.
- Cut and delivered firewood to fee campgrounds.
- Purchased and installed a new entrance sign at Big Therriault Lake Campground.
- Purchased and installed 50 gallon pressure washers, pumps and hose reels in two trucks for cleaning vault toilets across the forest.



Kootenai Falls Swinging Bridge

Northern Region



Pressure washer installed in crew truck

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Revenue & Expenditures

| Revenue* | Forest | Region |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Recreation Fees | \$259,454 | \$2,309,376 |
| Special Uses | \$45,323 | \$1,252,856 |
| Interagency Passes | \$4,040 | \$122,160 |
| Total | \$308,817 | \$3,684,392 |
| Expenditures | Forest | Region |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$68,318 | \$1,810,965 |
| Visitor Services | \$181,824 | \$898,833 |
| Law Enforcement | \$2,600 | \$73,214 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$0 | \$107,037 |
| Fee Agreements | \$0 | \$14,720 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$6,000 | \$279,237 |
| Total | \$258,742 | \$3,184,006 |