



Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

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

Partnership With Grooming



Partnering with Montana Fish Wildlife Parks at Lolo Pass to groom the trails

The forest leveraged approximately \$20,000 recreation fee dollars to groom eight miles of cross country ski trail in partnership with local snowmobiling and Nordic ski clubs. Grooming is paid for with recreation fee funds while the snowmobile club contributes groomer maintenance. The Nordic ski club provides the remaining match by maintaining the trail corridor in preparation for the winter season.

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.



Rhoda Creek Now Passable

The forest used outfitter and guide funds to support the Rhoda Creek partnership project, a multi-partner effort with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Conservation Corps and local Backcountry Horsemen, to reestablish the Rhoda Creek trail system in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Lack of consistent maintenance combined with area fires had rendered the trail system inaccessible. The Idaho Conservation Corps crew worked on-site for eight straight weeks, relying on the Backcountry Horsemen to pack them food and supplies. Together, the groups located and reopened the route from Rhoda Creek into the Two Lakes area and reconnected the Lochsa and Selway trail systems. Work remains for next year, but the area is again accessible.



The North Central Idaho Backcountry Horsemen support the Idaho Conservation Corps

Cayuse Trail

The forest used outfitter and guide funds to support the Cayuse Trail partnership project which also leveraged \$15,000 of Idaho Department of Fish and Game Access funding and \$13,200 in Idaho Department of Parks and



Trail crew using ground based rigging

Recreation trail grant. The forest trail crew, the Great Burn Conservation Alliance, and the Clearwater Basin Youth Conservation Corps cleared and realigned 3.2 miles of trail downstream of Cayuse Landing strip. Supported by mule, the 5-person crew spent two 8 hour-day hitches at a remote spike-camp. They used chainsaws and winches to cut and remove alder clumps, installed drainage features in wet areas, and constructed rock walls to stabilize the trail tread.

Other Accomplishments

- Maintained 30 campgrounds, nine cabin/lookout rentals and other sites by mowing, collecting trash, cleaning, pumping toilets and septic tanks and providing utilities.
- Supported volunteer hosts who spent 10,800 hours providing information, assistance, maintenance and cleaning at 21 campgrounds.
- Identified and removed hazard trees and limbs and tested drinking water.
- Funded pumping of vault toilets, garbage removal and regular maintenance at campgrounds.
- Proved additional public safety patrols and emergency medical services on major weekends.
- Maintained signs and information boards at five campgrounds.
- Installed new entry signs at three campgrounds.
- Purchased supplies and cleaned and maintained rental cabins and lookouts.
- Groomed and maintained nine miles of ski trails 17 times for a total of 33 machine hours.
- Staff provided assistance to winter recreationists, maintained facility access and performed traffic control on weekends and holidays.



Preserving and promoting history, wild lands and wild experiences. Connecting with communities, building and restoring resilient landscapes, relationships and workforce.

Northern Region



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$325,428	\$2,309,376
Special Uses	\$128,124	\$1,252,856
Interagency Passes	\$5,180	\$122,160
Total	\$458,732	\$3,684,392
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$338,597	\$1,810,965
Visitor Services	\$122,921	\$898,833
Law Enforcement	\$4,477	\$73,214
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$107,037
Fee Agreements	\$14,720	\$14,720
Collections/Overhead	\$24,041	\$279,237
Total	\$504,756	\$3,184,006