

# Bitterroot National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2020

### Increasing Parking Capacity

Lake Como Recreation Area is a high-use popular area that provides visitors with a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities, including camping, renting a historic lake-front cabin, picnicking, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, interpretive learning, and motorized and non-motorized water sports. The Lake Como Boat Launch parking area can accommodate 42 vehicles with trailers but had a limited amount of passenger vehicle sites. An increase in non-motorized water sports (stand up paddle boards, kayaks, etc.) prompted the need for additional non-trailer parking sites. A new gravel parking area was constructed to provide more space for non-trailer vehicles. The project total was \$5,500. Approximately \$2,500 of recreation fee collections was spent on crews to spread gravel and install the information board. Regular appropriated funds were used for the remainder of the project.



*New passenger vehicle parking area at the Lake Como Boat Launch*

### Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

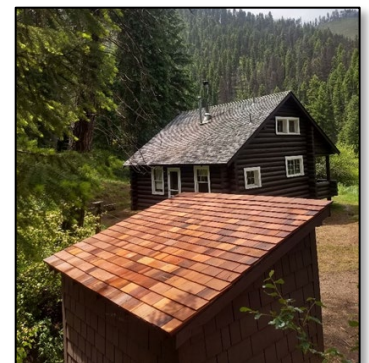
- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.



### Magruder Ranger's House

Magruder Ranger's House is a historic rental cabin, situated on the Selway River between the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness and Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Areas. This two-story, five room cabin is available for the public to rent between May and October. Recreation crews and Trapper Creek Job Corps maintenance crews completed a variety of maintenance work on the cabin and the area. Work included reroofing the woodshed, deep cleaning the cabin, staining site signs, replacing septic lid cover, installing new wipeable vinyl futon cover, constructing and installing window coverings, replenishing firewood supply, repairing plumbing leaks and water system, installing new stovepipe sections, repairing rotten boards on the basement stairwell, and regularly mowing the grounds. The forest used \$10,000 of recreation fee collections for supplies and recreation crew salary.



*Trapper Creek Job Corps helped re-roof the woodshed at Magruder Ranger's House*

## Other Accomplishments

- Supported 16 volunteer campground host who helped maintain the campgrounds and provide high quality visitor services.
- Operated and serviced potable water systems at eight campgrounds, three-day use sites, and three rental cabins.
- Repaired water system at historic rental cabin.
- Provided trash disposal services at 17 recreation fee sites.
- Serviced and maintained vault toilets at 25 recreation fee sites and sites used by special use permittees.
- Provided propane at three rental cabins.
- Replaced signs and signposts within two campgrounds.
- Replaced site number signs in one campground.
- Painted information boards and signs in three campgrounds.
- Painted interior walls and ceilings of five outhouses.
- Sanded and painted all picnic table planks in three campgrounds.
- Reinstalled campground site entrance sign.
- Cleaned up campground after a spring flood.
- Supported Law Enforcement by providing additional patrols/presence on weekends, holidays, and during fire restrictions to ensure for public health and safety and resource protection.
- Administered 74 Outfitter and Guide Permits and inspected five camps.
- Maintained 196 miles of trail used by Outfitters and Guides.



*Views of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness can be seen from Medicine Point Lookout, a popular rental on the Bitterroot National Forest.*

## Northern Region



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$178,064	\$2,609,509
Special Uses	\$68,450	\$647,951
Interagency Passes	\$9,120	\$94,980
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$255,634</b>	<b>\$3,352,440</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$81,957	\$1,598,853
Visitor Services	\$34,445	\$794,329
Law Enforcement	\$4,886	\$68,824
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$107,098
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$15,423	\$275,233
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$136,711</b>	<b>\$2,844,337</b>