



# Dakota Prairie Grasslands

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2020

### Whitetail Campground Overhaul



*North Dakota Chapter of the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers work together to spread gravel at the Whitetail Campground.*

The Whitetail Campground has always been a destination for local and out of state hunters. The rustic site offer hunter’s privacy and plenty of space for group camping while providing easy access to adjacent tracks of public land. After years of use and a large hailstorm, the campground needed repair. The North Dakota Chapter of the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers stepped up to the challenge and organized a group of volunteers to assist the forest with the campground renovation. Volunteers spread and packed gravel on the parking area, constructed a gravel path to improve access to the vault toilet, stained and re-shingled the information kiosk, and repaired damaged

picnic tables. In addition to repairs, the group established four new dispersed campsites adjacent to the campground. These sites are accessible by vehicle and are defined by a mowed area and a picnic table.

### Magpie Fence Replacement



*Recreation, Trails, and Fire staff work together to replace large sections of the buck and rail fence at the Magpie Campground.*

Magpie Campground is nestled between rugged Badlands and the nearby Magpie Creek. Visitors experience an abundance of privacy and shade while enjoying this remote campground. The recreation and trails staff replaced large sections of the buck and rail fence at Magpie Campground. This fence identifies the campground boundary and provides a barrier between recreation users and grazing livestock. Employees spent seven days removing rotten and damaged rails, braces, and posts. Adjacent to the campground is a large trail head which offers easy access to the Maah Daah Hey Trail. Magpie Campground is an excellent basecamp for visitors looking to explore the Ice Caves Trail or Devils Pass along the Maah Daah Hey Trail.

### 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.

## Other Accomplishments

- Replaced hot water heater at Buffalo Gap Campground
- Completed Section 106 Surveys at CCC Campground in preparation for implementation of Great American Outdoors Act projects.
- Rented a roll off dumpster for Buffalo Gap Campground. Overnight visitors loved having trash service provided.
- Conducted health and safety testing for two public water systems.

Campground visitors no longer need to question how the self registration process works thanks to improved instructional signs at campground fee tubes across the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

Recreation staff design and attached instructional decals explaining the payment and registration process on each campground fee tube. The instructions include, cost of campsite, placement of payment stub, and instructions for holders of the Interagency Senior Pass or Access Pass.



*Instructions added to campground fee tubes.*



*Overlook of the Little Missouri River near Toms Wash on the Medora Ranger District, Little Missouri National Grassland.*

## Northern Region



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$64,608	\$2,609,509
Special Uses	\$3,013	\$647,951
Interagency Passes	\$6,600	\$94,980
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74,221</b>	<b>\$3,352,440</b>

  

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$33,808	\$1,598,853
Visitor Services	\$0	\$794,329
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$68,824
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$107,098
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$275,233
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,808</b>	<b>\$2,844,337</b>

\*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and upcoming startup costs.