



# Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2020

### Calf Creek Cabin Improvements



*Replacement of the Calf Creek Cabin Screen Door*

The Calf Creek Cabin sits along Calf Creek at an elevation of 5,400 feet in the Little Belt Mountains. The cabin is a prime location for fishing, hiking, and horseback riding. The screen door to the cabin became damaged from wind when not latched properly. The forest spent \$1,100 using recreation fee funds to install a new door. The cost of the project covered salary and materials for the installation.

### 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.



### Skidway Campground

Skidway Campground is located near the top of Deep Creek Canyon and offers opportunities for nearby hiking and fishing. The forest finally re-opened the campground to the public after two years of being closed due to hazard tree removal and recovery. Cleanup and rehabilitation took place in early 2020 and the campground was open to the public for the 2020 season.



*Skidway Campground post hazard tree treatment*

### Nevada Creek Cabin

Nevada Creek Cabin became a rental for the public in 2020. Thick forests, steep slopes, and wide-open ridges define the landscape. The cabin has one bunk bed, a full-size bed, wood stove, propane stove, and propane lights in addition to other standard amenities. The forest used recreation fee funds to install a new \$5,000 well, pad for potable water, and hand pump. The project consisted of 20 days to maintain cabin and surroundings including sanding and staining interior logs.



*Nevada Creek Cabin*

## Other Accomplishments

- Conducted visitor contacts, cleaning, maintenance, and repairs at campgrounds, picnic areas, boat launches, rental cabins, and interpretive sites.
- Conducted trail maintenance and cleared 50 miles of trail in the Big Belt Mountains.
- Cleared over 300 miles of trail in the Elkhorn Mountains and the Bob Marshall Wilderness.
- Funded over 450 days of seasonal employee pay with recreation fee collections from outfitter and guide receipts.
- Funded over 600 days of seasonal employee pay with recreation fee dollars.
- Maintained 37 campgrounds, eight picnic areas, four boat launches, 17 rental cabins, and eight interpretive sites.
- Recreation fee funds paid for pest control, light fixture and bulb replacement, trail bridge repair, emergency systems upkeep and supplies such as toilet paper, soap, and hand towels for restrooms.
- Recreation fees funded employee salary expenses, a robust volunteer corps, and supported the interpretive center.



*Missouri River and the Gates of the Mountains*

## Northern Region



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$348,582	\$2,609,509
Special Uses	\$15,788	\$647,951
Interagency Passes	\$18,820	\$94,980
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$383,190</b>	<b>\$3,352,440</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$161,737	\$1,598,853
Visitor Services	\$179,787	\$794,329
Law Enforcement	\$22,966	\$68,824
Habitat Restoration	\$6,226	\$107,098
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$7,747	\$275,233
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$378,463</b>	<b>\$2,844,337</b>

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