Forest Service Northern Region

Recreation Program

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Fee Accomplishment Report 2013







Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees:

- Completed cleaning, maintenance and repair tasks, patrolled areas, and provided visitor information and assistance at developed recreation sites and district offices.
- Cleaned, painted and repaired rental cabins across the forest.
- Repaired, replaced and repainted doors, windows, hardware, cabinets, interior tables, cook stoves, chimneys and roofs.
- · Cut, split and stacked firewood at cabins.
- Replaced bridge accessing May Creek Cabin.
- Installed new bunk bed ladders at and stabilized log ends at Twin Lakes Cabin.
- · Repaired fencing around Antone Cabin.
- Replaced boards, and sanded and repainted picnic tables at several sites. Replaced two picnic tables at Delmoe Lake Campground.
- Repainted, replaced and updated information kiosks and signs at forest access points, trailheads and recreation sites.
- Tested drinking water, pumped toilets, and painted toilet building floors, walls and doors.
- Repaired May Creek Campground's water system.
- Removed hazard trees and hazardous fuels around campgrounds, picnic areas, rental cabins, trailheads, interpretive sites and along trails throughout the forest.
- Cleared vegetation along trails, maintained tread and installed new signs along trails. Replaced the Chief Joseph Trailhead sign.
- Administered recreation events authorized under special use permit.



The Montana Conservation Corps helped restore the Madison Ranger District's Baldwin Parks Trail.

Special Feature

Fire safety is an important component of ongoing cabin restoration projects. Pictured below is a new chimney at Moose Lake Cabin. An improperly-sized stove pipe had been leaking smoke, allowing creosote to build up and damage the walls. Recreation fees are critical to keeping rental cabins in safe condition for visitors.



Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$125,644
Special Uses	\$55,956
Interagency Pass	\$1,625
Total	\$183,226

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$192,526
Visitor Services	\$23,451
Cost of Collections	\$9,271
Law Enforcement	\$9,271
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Total	\$234,519

^{*}Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenue.

Additional Beaverhead-Deerlodge Accomplishments

- Continued joint efforts with the "Be Bear Aware" Team by installing bear-resistant food storage boxes at developed recreation sites.
- Posted new signs to inform and educate visitors about food storage and bear safety.
- Patrolled and educated the recreating public about food storage and other bear safety issues.
- Supplemented appropriated funds and partnered with timber and fire staff to identify and remove hazard trees, burn resulting debris piles and control and prevent further beetle damage by spraying and applying pheromones to trees at developed recreation sites, trailheads and along trails.
- Continued citizen stewardship and partnerships with several service and nonprofit organizations and individual volunteers. These groups restored recreation settings at developed sites, cabins and along trails and assisted with projects and youth field camps. Volunteer groups for 2013 included the National Smokejumper Association, AmeriCorps, Montana Conservation Corps (MCC), Montana Wilderness

Association, Montana Youth Challenge, Backcountry Horsemen and Student Conservation Association (SCA).

Its importance may be easy to overlook, but fresh paint in a toilet building can contribute greatly to ease of cleaning and visitor satisfaction.





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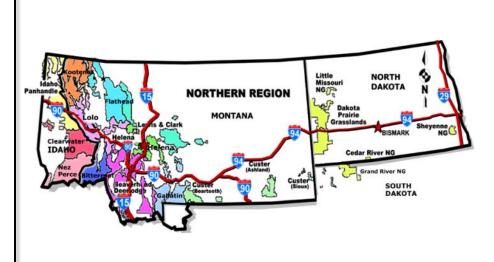
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Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,638,882
Special Uses	\$881,959
Interagency Pass	\$39,113
Total \$2,559,955	

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,032,059
Visitor Services	\$760,192
Cost of Collections	\$189,756
Law Enforcement	\$94,965
Habitat Restoration	\$71,667
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total \$2,148,639	

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.