Recreation Program









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:

- Partnered with outfitters and guides and replaced deteriorated bulletin boards and Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness orientation panels.
- Completed multiple trail projects on the Beartooth Ranger District, including regular and backlogged maintenance projects.
- Installed water bars and replaced trail structures in cooperation with the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Foundation (ABWF).
- Paid salaries for several trail crew members.
- Administered and monitored 24 outfitter and guide special use permits.
- Issued a prospectus for new use in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness and awarded seven new permits.



New bulletin board at an Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness trailhead.



Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness partners bulletin board panel

Special Feature

There's nothing quite like connecting with nature by hiking through a peaceful forest. With the help of ABWF volunteers and recreation fees, various trail maintenance projects were completed on the Beartooth Ranger District. Check out project summaries at: www.abwilderness.org.



Custer National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$32,172
Special Uses	\$13,970
Interagency Pass	\$2,090
Total	\$48,232

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$21,719
Visitor Services	\$21,000
Cost of Collections	\$4,000
Law Enforcement	\$3,500
Total	\$50,219

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

Additional Custer Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained three campgrounds solely with funding from recreation fees: East Rosebud Lake, Emerald Lake and Pine Grove.
- Funded staff who cleaned and maintained sites and provided visitor information and assistance.
- Operated two recreation rental cabins and one lookout tower.



Hazard tree removal in Beartooth Ranger District campgrounds



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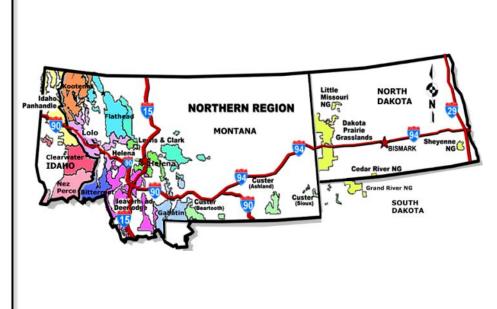
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Northern Region Revenue & Expenditures

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