



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:

- Funded contractors and USDA engineering support and purchased materials needed to repair the Buffalo Gap Campground well pump, well casing, waterline, electrical system, and panel, all of which were destroyed by lightning.
- Designed and purchased a spray rig for invasive weed control at campgrounds, trailheads, and other recreation sites. Purchased herbicides, dye and protective equipment.
- Purchased three heavy-duty riding brush mowers.



Three "Big Blue" riding brush mowers arrived in the 2013 field season.

Special Feature

Managing invasive weeds can be a time-intensive task on the grassland. The below pictured custom-made spray trailer, purchased with recreation fees, was a tremendous asset to the rec program in 2013. The bumper-pull trailer leaves room in the truck bed for other tools and equipment, the baffled tank can safely be towed at highway speeds or on washboard gravel roads while full, and the electric hose reel makes it quick and easy to relocate.



Dakota Prairie National Grasslands Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$12,776
Special Uses	\$3,677
Interagency Pass	\$680
Total	\$17,133

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$8,973
Visitor Services	\$3,941
Cost of Collections	\$1,831
Habitat Restoration	\$5,500
Total	\$20,245

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenue.

Snapshots from the Dakota



A campsite with wide open vistas



Holes in the old waterline at Buffalo Gap Campground were caused by a lightning strike.

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