



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 the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation to complete 400 miles of trail clearing. This accomplishment required 40-50 trips and involved young people and adults.
- Coordinated with the Collaborative Landscape Restoration Program and hired a four-person trail crew who completed trail maintenance and reconstruction projects on Swan Lake District.
- Worked with outfitters and guides to teach Leave no Trace principles to hundreds of backcountry visitors.
- Mentored volunteers on traditional trail skills and methods.
- Educated river users on correct disposal of human waste.
- Contacted more than 10,000 visitors during summer season.
- Performed security patrols and removed garbage along 200 miles of Wild and Scenic River corridor.
- Supported snowmobile trail stewards for four months who distributed maps, and offered safety tips and avalanche advisories to thousands of riders on 177 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and over 10,000 acres of recreation areas.



The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, Back Country Horseman of the Flathead and forest crews clear Wilderness trails using traditional methods.

Special Feature

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex – a crown jewel of the Wilderness system – offers Americans an opportunity to connect with their wilderness heritage. Recreation funds, collected through outfitter and guide fees help the forest provide and maintain the “wilderness character” of this magnificent place for future generations.



Flathead National Forest
Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$131,945
Special Uses	\$216,602
Interagency Pass	\$3,378
Total	\$351,925

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$106,313
Visitor Services	\$50,451
Cost of Collections	\$19,025
Law Enforcement	\$10,452
Habitat Restoration	\$42,634
Total	\$228,875

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

Additional Flathead Accomplishments

- Developed a group fire pit at Swan Guard Station.
- Repaired windows at Mission Lookout.
- Completed maintenance and cleaning tasks, removed hazard trees, conducted security patrols, removed snow and provided firewood and safe drinking water at 14 recreation rental cabins.
- Supported hosts at Spotted Bear's popular campground.
- Repaired safety fence above the Southfork of the Flathead River.
- Removed hazard trees and monitored tree health throughout campgrounds.
- Painted facilities on routine schedule.
- Patrolled campgrounds to provide security.



The forest partnered with Glacier National Park to provide resource protection and visitor safety.



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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	\$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

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