



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:

- Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center (GNFAC)
 - Leveraged a \$31,500 Recreational Trails Program grant and funded Center operations.
 - Posted daily avalanche advisories accessed more than 4,500 times each day via the Internet, Twitter, Facebook and phone hotline.
 - Taught 67 avalanche safety courses to nearly 3,500 people in cooperation with The Friends of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center.
 - Posted 53 YouTube videos that were viewed over 62,000 times.
- Rendezvous Ski Trails
 - Cooperated with West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation and maintained and improved ski trails.
 - Supported volunteers who moved a donated cabin to be used as a new warming hut.
 - Cleared trees and branches on a one-mile stretch of the trail.
 - Completed noxious weed treatment along ski trails.
 - Groomed more than 50 kilometers of trails several times a week.
 - Supported volunteers who constructed jack-leg fence, removed brush and trees, constructed a kiosk and installed a sign post on National Public Lands Day.
- Leveraged a \$10,000 RAC grant and Gallatin County in-kind support as well as donations from the Friends of Hyalite and maintained winter recreation access to Hyalite Canyon area. Partnered with Bridger Ski Foundation and marked and groomed more than 50 kilometers of ski and snowshoe routes in Hyalite.

A Rendezvous Ski Trail warming hut cabin was installed during National Public Lands Day.



Special Feature

GNFAC operations wouldn't be possible without the work of dozens of volunteers during the winter. From financial sponsors to the nonprofit Friends of the Avalanche Center, these groups provide extensive educational opportunities and fund much of the operations of the Center. Over 70 volunteer field days and 45 percent of the total operating budget were donated to GNFAC during the 2012/2013 season.



Gallatin National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$207,785
Special Uses	\$220,494
Interagency Pass	\$4,470
Total	\$432,749

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$55,803
Visitor Services	\$195,598
Cost of Collections	\$26,678
Law Enforcement	\$8,950
Total	\$287,029

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

Additional Gallatin Accomplishments

- Completed multiple trail projects across the forest using recreation fees as the primary funding source, and matching for various grants.
- Installed ATV cattle guards and signs in Bear Canyon.
- Cooperated with Wilderness and Recreation Partnership group and completed heavy trail maintenance on East Bridger Trail.
- Completed regular and heavy maintenance work on more than 300 trail miles.
- Re-routed a segment of the Whit's Lake Trail.
- Designed and ordered replacement snowmobile trail bridges for installation in 2014.
- Administered and monitored 121 outfitter and guide special use and hosted more than 30 recreation events.
- Operated and maintained 24 rental cabins and 11 campgrounds for and funded SCA interns who maintained and provided visitor information and assistance at developed sites.



The Wapiti Cabin got a new porch floor, patio and fire ring.

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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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