



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 operation and maintenance tasks, provided visitor information and assistance, and collected fees at campgrounds, cabin rentals and other fee sites across six ranger districts within the forest.
- Operated the Emerald Creek Garnet Area where 5,169 visitors prospected for rare star garnets in 2013. Constructed an accessible parking area and purchased new shade awnings for the site.
- Maintained facilities and grounds, purchased supplies used in an employee clean-up day and provided visitor information services at Red Ives Historic Ranger Station.
- Removed hazard trees from sites prior to seasonal opening.
- Funded boat repairs and monitored 80 Priest Lake island campsites.
- Supported a volunteer at Kalispell Bay boat launch who provided visitor information and collected fees. Over 350 hours were contributed.



Over 5,000 visitors to the Emerald Creek Garnet Area prospected for garnets in 2013.

Special Feature

Recreation fees helped fund extensive renovations to Devil's Elbow Campground, a popular site along the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. Next season's visitors will enjoy new accessible amenities including a vault toilet, picnic tables and campfire rings. Recreation fees contributed substantially to eliminating the backlogged maintenance issues at the campground.



Idaho Panhandle National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$170,257
Special Uses	\$23,165
Interagency Pass	\$4,410
Total	\$197,832

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$101,247
Visitor Services	\$10,985
Law Enforcement	\$7,209
Cost of Collections	\$17,640
Total	\$137,081

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

Additional Idaho Panhandle Accomplishments

- Issued recreation event permits for various dog sled races, Back Country Horseman events, marathons and triathlons.
- Worked with 23 separate partners to groom and maintain 597 miles of motorized, non-motorized and snowmobile trails on the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District.
- Enlisted volunteers and historic preservation professionals to assist with renovation of the Spyglass Lookout Ground House.



Partners assist with the renovation of Spyglass Lookout Round House.

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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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