

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014

## Lolo National Forest

Forest Service



### Old Ways Taught at Nine Mile

Nine Mile historic ranch provides a home for the Region's mule pack string and serves as a winter boarding facility for Forest Service horses. With its Cape Cod architecture, beautiful pastures and mountain landscapes the ranch attracts many visitors, who may participate in a number of outdoor and primitive skills training courses such as Dutch oven cooking, back country packing with mules, defensive horsemanship, axe and crosscut saw training. In addition, local school groups can participate in tours that focus on outdoor conservation, primitive skills, and working with horses, and mules. Recreation fee revenue from training courses support the classes and help with facility upkeep.



*Working with horses at Nine Mile Ranch.*

### Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations will benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

### Preserving History

Using a pack string, the Lolo National Forest hauled building materials to renovate and preserve the historic Big Hole Lookout. Once the forest completes the roof, replaces rotted logs, and installs flooring and a fireplace, the lookout will be available for rent. Recreation fee revenue supported volunteer efforts in 2014.

The historic Monture Ranger Station also received period furnishings and log replacement thanks to recreation fee revenue.

While a popular year-round cabin, cross-country skiers especially appreciate its warmth and comfort.



*Big Hole lookout.*

### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$253,218
Special Uses	\$43,492
Interagency Passes	\$2,332
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$299,041</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$145,942
Visitor Services	\$24,201
Law Enforcement	\$7,775
Habitat Restoration	\$10,945
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$16,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$205,023</b>

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

## Developed Recreation

- Supported volunteer hosts at 27 campgrounds. Volunteers provided visitor information, and cleaned and maintained sites. Funds purchased cleaning and ground maintenance supplies.
- Maintained 12 rental cabins and lookouts.
- Removed hazard trees at 27 campgrounds and 18 trailheads on the Forest. These beetle killed trees provided firewood for visitors.
- Supported 23 volunteers who maintained the grounds and buildings on the historic Savenac nursery during a two week work period. This nursery was used to grow trees that helped to re-plant the forest following the Great Fire of 1910 that burned approximately 3 million acres.



*Steel fence constructed from repurposed drill steel at Blue Mountain recreation area.*

*Monture Guard Station*



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### Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,685,135
Special Uses	\$1,057,405
Interagency Passes	\$42,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,784,753</b>

Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,149,720
Visitor Services	\$848,621
Law Enforcement	\$100,372
Habitat Restoration	\$73,367
Fee Agreements	\$53,544
Cost of Collections	\$190,126
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,415,749</b>

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## Northern Region Map

