Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Helena and Lewis & Clark National Forests

Forest Service



Developed Recreation

- Maintained 34 campgrounds and 8 developed picnic areas across the two forests. Work included painting picnic tables, sampling and repairing water systems, and pumping toilets.
- Maintained and purchased supplies for 16 cabin rentals including propane where needed.
 Improvements included
 - o Replaced a wood stove
 - o Reroofed 1 cabin
 - Painted 2 cabins
- Supported volunteer hosts at Summit, Thain Creek, and Crystal Lake campgrounds. These hosts provide critical services such as light maintenance, information services, and restroom cleaning.

Bar Gulch Cabin



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.

Trails

- Maintained 42 miles of trail in Birch Creek Basin, Big Belt Mountains Divide and Boulder Lakes.
- Maintained and provided supplies for many developed and dispersed trailheads.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$x226,297
Special Uses	\$139,496
Interagency Passes	\$14,671
Total	\$380,464
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$125,223
Visitor Services	\$116,538
Law Enforcement	\$14,298
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$53,788
Total	\$309,846

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

Special Uses

- Administered and monitored outfitter and guide activities across the two forests.
- Conducted trail maintenance and made minor improvements on facilities used by outfitters and guides. This work included replacing rails on corrals and installing several new signs in addition to annual trail maintenance and clearing.



A new bridge protects a wet area

Granite Butte is planned to be available to rent in 2016

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Northern Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

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

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
Total	\$2,415,749