

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Custer Gallatin National Forest

Forest Service



## A Warm Rendezvous

A new biathlon range warming hut is now available at the Rendezvous Ski Trail thanks to recreation fee revenue, the West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation and the Community Chamber. After the building arrived on site, the Forest worked with these partners to put on a new roof, install new windows and doors and add heat and lighting. This new facility serves as a lunch spot and warm up hut during ski races and biathlon events and is a wonderful addition to this popular Nordic trail system. Recreation fee revenue leveraged with \$10,000 in appropriations funded this work.



Many enjoy the new warming hut

## Gather the Volunteers

Over 15 volunteer groups completed nearly 3,500 hours of recreation-related work on the Bozeman Ranger District thanks to recreation fee revenue and appropriated funds. These funds provided a trails and dispersed recreation volunteer coordinator who worked with a wide assortment of groups such as mountain bikers and the Back Country Horsemen. Together these volunteers constructed fencing, pulled weeds, maintained cabins, cleaned-up at sites and replaced signs.



Volunteers built new tread on the Wheeler Mountain trail.

## 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.

## Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$243,420
Special Uses	\$333,136
Interagency Passes	\$7,570
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$584,126</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$136,128
Visitor Services	\$217,350
Law Enforcement	\$13,920
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$36,127
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$403,525</b>

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

## Other Highlights

### Avalanche Center

- Broadcast daily advisory to over 4,700 recipients.
- Posted 62 YouTube videos.
- Leveraged over \$45,000 in grant funds.
- Taught 91 classes, 30 of which were snowmobiler specific, to over 4,300 students.
- Provided avalanche safety courses to snowmobile guides.

### Special Uses

- Administered over 150 outfitter and guide permits.
- Maintained over 400 miles of trails.
- Leveraged \$298,000 to build a new Grayling Creek snowmobile bridge, which will move a trail segment out of a riparian area used by moose.

### Developed Recreation

- Completed several historic restoration projects on the Basin Station Barn.
- Restored a porch on the Maxey Cabin and the roof on Spanish Creek cabin.



Spanish Creek cabin gets a new roof with the help of Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horsemen.

Garnet Mountain Lookout gets a new staircase and catwalk.



Monument mountains in the Lee Metcalf Wilderness

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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

