

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Bitterroot National Forest

Forest Service



## Staying Dry at Hayward Lodge

Hayward Lodge (also known as Wood's Cabin) is near beautiful Lake Como in the Bitterroot Mountains. The cabin, built in 1930 and a nominee for the National Registration of Historic Places, provides people with an opportunity to stay in a rustic, historic cabin in a natural setting. In the spring of 2014, the Forest improved the access road and parking area for the cabin. Prior to this project, the road and parking area sloped towards the front of the cabin, which caused rain and snowmelt to flow directly to the cabin and either pool there or run under the door and flood the interior. Recreation fee revenue provided \$3,254 to re-contour the road and improve drainage, while appropriated funds provided \$1,102 towards this project.

*Road work channels water away from Hayward Lodge*



## 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 and Special Uses

- Maintained 79 miles and improved tread on three miles of trail.
- Celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act at eight different locations.
- Administered and monitored 70 outfitter and guide special use permits; inspected 38 outfitter camps and 11 Selway River camps.
- Processed and monitored numerous recreation events across the forest to include the Lake Como Triathlon and the Lost Trail Mountain Bike Fest.



*New turnpike on Gold Pan Cross County trail*

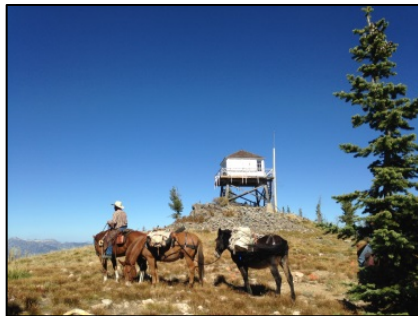
## Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$140,620
Special Uses	\$47,617
Interagency Passes	\$3,410
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,647</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$44,199
Visitor Services	\$56,028
Law Enforcement	\$14,350
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$20,392
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$134,969</b>

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

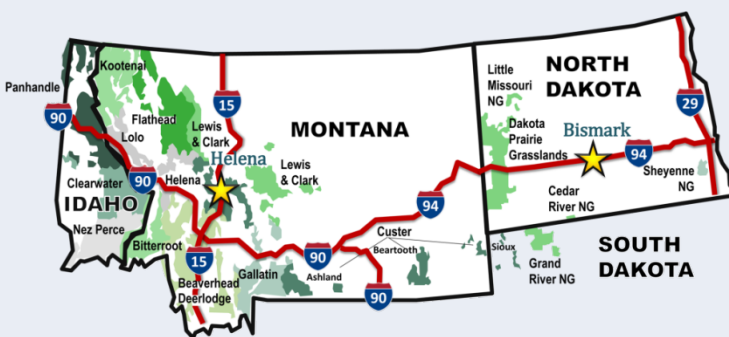
## Developed Recreation

- Replaced fire rings at the Rock Creek Horse Camp.
- Improved Lake Como Recreation Area by:
  - Installing new picnic table planks.
  - Placing an organic compound on all ponderosa pine trees to repel mountain pine beetles.
  - Installing an interpretive sign.
- Repaired a fence and extended a trail at the Three Sisters Group Site.
- Maintained water systems.
- Placed mountain pine beetle repellent on trees at two campgrounds and one guard station.
- Improved picnic tables at Spring Gulch Campground.
- Removed over 30 hazard trees from Martin Creek Campground to be used at East Fork Guard Station for firewood.
- Installed a new woodstove and cleared 60 trees on the trail to the Medicine Point Lookout.



*Packing a new wood stove to Medicine Point lookout.*

## Northern Region Map



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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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