



Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Forest Service



The Power of Partnerships

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge couldn't get by without help from its partners and volunteers. The Forest has developed strong relationships with organizations such as the Montana Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps (St. Louis), the National Smokejumper Association and the Student Conservation Association all who help maintain recreation facilities and trails that are valued by visitors and outfitters. Other organizations like the Northern Region Mule Pack Train and the Back Country Horsemen work with agency packers to transport materials to distant job sites. Recreation fee revenue provides yearly support to these partners by providing some stipends, and purchasing supplies and materials needed for projects. In turn partners greatly expand these funds



by providing their time, own materials and expertise. Partnerships also promote citizen stewardship, enable connections between people and their natural and cultural heritage.

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.

Developed Recreation

- Completed cleaning, maintenance and repair tasks, patrolled areas, and provided visitor information and assistance at sites using employees and volunteer hosts.
- Cleaned, painted and repaired rental cabins across the forest. Repaired and replaced doors, windows, gates and roofs. Painted trim. Replaced interior and exterior daubing.
- Repaired leaking roofs at the May Creek Cabin and Hogan Cabin. Made repairs and safety improvements to the propane system at the Horse Prairie Cabin. Replaced batteries for the Gordon Reese Cabin solar system.
- Replaced leaking water hydrant with a new accessible hydrant, and repaired a broken water line at Reservoir Lake campground.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$141,630
Special Uses	\$66,186
Interagency Passes	\$2,320
Total	\$210,136
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$195,728
Visitor Services	\$23,618
Law Enforcement	\$8,423
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$8,423
Total	\$236,191

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

This is Bear Country

For over 30 years, the ecosystems of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge have provided habitat for an increasing grizzly bear population. Today, grizzlies, as well as black bears, inhabit places where more people are hiking and camping. With the goal of helping to sustain a healthy grizzly population, the Forest has worked hard to reduce potentially dangerous encounters between bears and people. In the summer of 2014, the Forest issued a food storage order to help prevent the attraction of bears to campsites. Concurrent with a public information campaign, recreation fee revenue of \$8,821 helped to purchase and install a number of bear-safe garbage bins, food storage containers, and signs at priority recreation sites. Grants and appropriated funds were leveraged with the fee revenue to help keep people safe and more bears alive.



Bear-safe food locker and new information signs.



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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

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