



Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use and value.

Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees on the Flathead National Forest:

- Renovated two cabins - the Owl Packer and Swan Guard Station - and placed them into the Forest rental program.
 - Installed new windows, rebuilt chimney, purchased new cook stove, refinished wood floors, and painted the interior of Owl Packer Cabin.
- Purchased furniture for the Swan Guard Station and Condon Cabin.
- Constructed a new information sign at the Star Meadow Cabin and trailhead, and replaced signs at Challenge Cabin.
- Repaired hand pump at Rover Cabin.
- Extended the accessible ramp at Zip's Place and Star Meadow Cabin to make the restroom approach accessible.
- Completed electrical work at Packer Camp.
- Funded the Outfitter Capacity Analysis for Tabor.
- Paid for electricity, snow-removal, water samples, propane, and maintenance crew for cabins.
- Replaced shutters at Hornet Lookout.
- Funded the Wild and Scenic River crew for campsite clean-up, visitor contacts, and education on the length of stay, sanitation requirements, and containment of campfires.

Special Feature

The Old Condon Ranger Station has many of the amenities of home in a quaint, peaceful setting. Unlike many other cabins, this six-room rental boasts an indoor bathroom with a flush toilet and running water, as well as a refrigerator, gas stove with oven, and electricity. In 2010, Recreation funds were used to renovate the kitchen with new cabinets and counter tops, rebuild windows, clean and paint, and apply a new coat of cedar shakes to the exterior.



Flathead National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,820
Recreation Fees	\$92,877
Special Uses	\$217,222
Total	\$311,920

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$138,147
Visitor Services	\$87,469
Cost of Collections	\$21,008
Law Enforcement	\$12,138
Habitat Restoration	\$12,138
Total	\$270,900

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



The Old Condon Ranger Station, before and after workers installed new shakes and rebuilt windows.

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Additional Accomplishments

- Funded station guards for the Bob Marshall and the Great Bear Wilderness Areas. Together they made nearly 1000 visitor contacts and provided information on routes, safety hazards, and special orders.
- Completed weed inventory and sprayed knapweed, hawkweed and leafy spurge both in and outside of Wilderness Areas. With matching funds from a Flathead Resource Advisory grant, this treatment will help improve the winter range for big game.
- Supported trail maintenance efforts on 1,100 miles on the Spotted Bear District in fire areas, which burned between 2000 & 2007.
- Maintained 40 miles of historic phone lines between Black Bear and Danaher, improving communications for Forest Service crews, volunteers, partners, and outfitters and guides.
- Funded stipends for hosts at Devil Creek Campground.



An outfitter and guide packs in a kayak for a river ranger.

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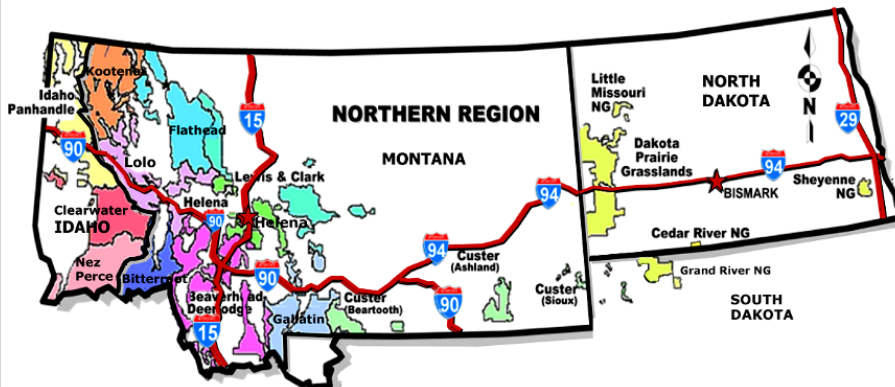
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Northern Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$61,878
Recreation Fees	\$1,658,880
Special Uses	\$937,966
Total	\$2,658,723

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,348,301
Visitor Services	\$877,200
Law Enforcement	\$120,479
Cost of Collections	\$174,316
Habitat Restoration	\$24,278
Fee Agreements	\$23,044
Total	\$2,567,619

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