



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 Helena National Forest:

- Installed new restroom at Eagle Guard Rental Cabin.
- Improved road access to Kading Rental Cabin by grading and laying gravel.
- Constructed a large parking lot at Indian Meadows outfitter and guide trailhead.
- Administered outfitter and guide special use permits.
- Maintained six rental cabins and six fee campgrounds.
- Provided visitor information and compliance patrols at all fee sites.



A Forest Service employee shares knowledge with young students.

Special Feature

Invasive species like the mountain pine beetle can take a serious toll on the health of a forest. Due to an infestation of the beetles, three campgrounds on the forest were closed during the summer of 2010. Hazard trees were cut down and removed from Park Lake Campground, and the site was re-opened just in time for Labor Day weekend.



Helena National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$2,320
Recreation Fees	\$56,265
Special Uses	\$27,557
Total	\$86,142

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$22,917
Visitor Services	\$28,414
Cost of Collections	\$8,691
Law Enforcement	\$9,725
Total	\$69,746

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

Images of the Helena National Forest



Lincoln Ranger District Office



Eagle Guard Station



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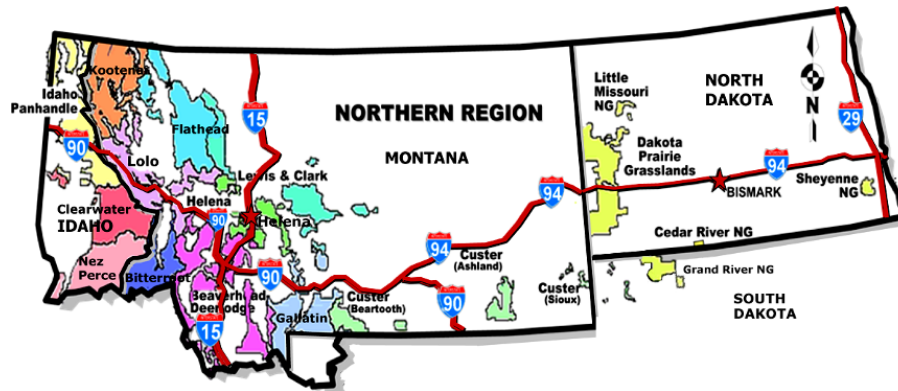
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Northern Region Revenue & Expenditures



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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