

Recreation Program Fee Accomplishment Report 2009



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

Accomplishments provided with recreation fees on the Bitterroot National Forest:

- Provided a variety of interpretive programs at recreation sites. Supported Darby Elementary School's participation in "Keep Como Clean campaign;" students were taught environmental education themes and created posters depicting their chosen theme. Posters were displayed in the campgrounds.
- Partnered with Trapper Creek Job Corps: thinned trees in recreation sites and cleared trees that had fallen in roads.
- Lake Como Recreation Area:
 - Painted picnic table, benches, information boards, outhouse interiors, BBQ grills, water spigots, and the fence at Lower Campground.
 - Striped parking lot, parking lanes at boat ramp and beach areas.
 - Lengthened campground host site in Upper Campground.
 - Installed a welcome sign on a poured concrete base with rock masonry work finish.
 - Installed barrier rocks for resource protection on the west end of the beach and hauled in and spread 80 yards of sand.
 - Repaired, relocated, stained and installed signs at Rock Creek Horse Camp and the boat launch access and exit roads.
- Installed new signs and painted the fence and accessible fishing platform at Spring Gulch Campground.
- Installed new signs, and painted road arrows and tables at Indian Trees Campground.
- Recreation Rentals: Stained Gird Point Lookout. Built new furniture for Gird Point, Magruder Ranger's House, Lost Horse Cabin and East Fork Guard Station. Completed minor repairs and maintenance at all recreation rentals.
- Completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at all recreations sites and campgrounds: removed hazard trees, painted picnic tables, pumped vault toilets, and completed water tests.
- Administered and monitored 38 outfitter and guide permits, as well as other special use permits for recreation events.

Special Feature

Using REA funds in 2009, historic Woods Cabin received a new foundation and deck. This project was a joint effort between the National Park Service Preservation Team, youth from Trapper Creek Job Corps and district employees. The new foundation may not be the first thing visitors notice, but it will ensure this cabin is available to enjoy for years to come.



Bitterroot National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$2,318
Recreation Fees	\$128,848
Special Uses	\$58,219
Total	\$189,386

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$27,420
Visitor Services	\$120,430
Law Enforcement	\$25,000
Cost of Collections	\$25,000
Habitat Restoration	\$5,000
Total	\$202,850

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.

Bitterroot National Forest Planned Projects for 2010

- Replace and repair roof and stain Horse Heaven Cabin.
- Re-surface gravel at Bass Creek Recreation Area interior roads and campsites.
- Replace 12 picnic tables at site on the Sula Ranger District.
- Continue to paint site furniture and buildings, and complete maintenance and cleaning tasks, and compliance checks at all recreation sites

Gird Point Lookout



Lake Como Beach

Recreation Program



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Northern Region Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$54,941
Recreation Fees	\$1,628,455
Special Uses	\$932,260
Total	\$2,615,656

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,388,770
Visitor Services	\$842,787
Law Enforcement	\$143,390
Cost of Collections	\$182,857
Habitat Restoration	\$27,101
Fee Agreements	\$7,982
Total	\$2,592,885

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

