

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 Clearwater National Forest:

- Funded seasonal employees and campground hosts who maintained campgrounds, cabin and lookout rentals, and provided visitor assistance and information. Specific tasks included:
 - Painted toilet buildings and stained picnic tables.
 - Purchased and installed new accessible fire rings.
 - Removed hazardous trees and chipped debris in developed campsites.
- Funded a River Ranger and additional employees who began to inventory and survey sites along the Wild and Scenic Lochsa River and presented river interpretive programs.
- Completed maintenance tasks on trails used by outfitters and guides and monitored outfitter and guide activities in these areas.
- Supported forest volunteers, seven Idaho Youth Conservation Crew members and several campground hosts, who spent a total of 6,800 hours maintaining developed sites, trails and providing visitors with forest information, interpretative materials, and answered questions.
- Lolo Pass Winter Recreation Area:
 - Groomed cross country ski trails throughout the winter season.
 - Funded employees to conduct avalanche monitoring and patrol snowmobile trails.
 - Installed bamboo poles to mark the snowshoe trail and new informational and site signs.
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 - Partnered with State of Montana Highway Department in order to provide plowed winter sports parking areas.

Special Feature

Weekend campfire programs were an added attraction at sites across the forest during the summer of 2009. In 2009, REA funds supported a partnership with the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute. They provided an Americorps volunteer who was trained in environmental and conservation education. This volunteer then developed and delivered interpretive programs on a wide variety of outdoor education topics to forest visitors, including a Raptor Program that was attended by over 75 people.



Clearwater National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,568
Recreation Fees	\$162,582
Special Uses	\$62,071
Total	\$226,220

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$10,670
Law Enforcement	\$17,785
Maintenance & Repair	\$112,303
Visitor Services	\$97,183
Total	\$244,923

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.

Clearwater National Forest Planned Projects for 2010

- Continue to support employees, hosts and partners who provide visitor information and services, and complete site maintenance and operation tasks.
- Match funds for a State of Idaho RV grant to complete campground upgrades focused on improved RV access and accommodations.
- Continue to inventory sites along the Wild and Scenic Lochsa River and offer river interpretive programs.



*Lolo Pass
Visitor Center*



Campground Hosts

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

*Remaining funds will be used for large projects and next year's startup season costs.

