



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 Flathead National Forest:

- On rivers used by outfitters and guides, funded River Crews who patrolled the three forks of the Flathead Wild and Scenic River. These employees monitored use, conducted campsite inventories, provided visitor education, enforced resource protection regulations, and maintained access sites and toilet buildings.
- Purchased safety equipment for River crews that included rafts and personal flotation devices.
- On trails used by outfitters and guides, maintained approximately 100 miles: removed downed trees, cleared brush, and cleaned drainage structures.
- Completed maintenance and operational tasks at Devil Creek and Spotted Bear campgrounds.
- Funded staff at Schafer and Big Prairie backcountry guard stations, who provided visitor information within the Bob Marshall and Great Bear Wilderness areas. In particular, the Schafer Station guards provided information regarding sanitation regulations, and supplied solid human waste bags and campfire/camp stove fire blankets as needed.
- Completed maintenance tasks at Silvertip Cabin.
- Replaced windows at Mission Lookout, refinished floors at Hornet Lookout, rodent proofed Zips Cabin, and completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at all 11 cabins in the rental program.



Special Feature

River Crews are a key component in the forest's Wilderness visitor education programs. They share information with visitors on changes in stay limits, and waste disposal and fire containment regulations. This work helps maintain both the wild character of these unique rivers and enjoyable visitor experiences.



Flathead National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,994
Recreation Fees	\$88,999
Special Uses	\$174,136
Total	\$265,129

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$16,101
Visitor Services	\$117,493
Law Enforcement	\$16,101
Collections	\$19,227
Habitat Restoration	\$16,101
Total	\$325,929

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.

Flathead National Forest Planned Projects for 2010

- Complete backlog maintenance tasks at Owl Packer Cabin.
- Fund a winter cabin crew who will conduct monthly maintenance and safety checks.
- Complete maintenance and administrative tasks to bring two cabins into the recreation rental program.
- Maintain mainline trails that access outfitter base camps.
- Continue to support the River Crew and Station Guard programs.
- Continue to operate and maintain 12 rental cabins, including cleaning and stocking with supplies.



Owl Packer Cabin

Recreation Program



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