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 Lolo National Forest:

- Removed hazard trees, painted picnic tables, pumped vault toilets, tested water, and improved campground signing.
- Repaired toilet vault at Harry's Flat campground.
- Partnered with Youth Conservation Corps who pulled weeds and completed trail maintenance work.
- Partnered with volunteers from the Passport-In-Time program to continue repair work on historic recreation rentals at Savenac Nursery and Morgan-Case Homestead.
- Completed repairs at Savenac West Cottage, Up Up Lookout, and Thompson Peak Lookout.
- Offered interpretive programs at Seeley Lake: Bear Basics, Sweeney the Saw-whet Owl, Women Smokejumpers, Trail to the Buffalo, Leave no Trace, Future of Wolf Management, Wilderness Survival Skills and Jocko Lakes Fire.
- Supported workshops and traditional skills training courses at Wildlands Training Center at the Historic Ninemile Ranger District
- Processed, administered and monitored 35 outfitter and guides permits in four Wilderness areas and in backcountry areas across the forest.
- Issued and monitored recreation event special use permits for fun runs, a triathlon, a winter biathlon, ski races, dog sledding and snowmobile events.



Special Feature

Volunteers from the National Smokejumpers Association completed a multi-year project at Double Arrow Lookout in 2009. Supported by recreation fee funds, frame and structural repairs were made to the building and it received a new roof. Next to the popular, family-friendly Double Arrow Lookout Snowmobile Trail, this lookout is sure to be popular.



Lolo National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,490
Recreation Fees	\$251,417
Special Uses	\$43,618
Total	\$296,525

Expenditures*		
Source	Amount	
Maintenance & Repair	\$205,165	
Visitor Services	\$40,300	
Law Enforcement	\$20,440	
Cost of Collections	\$10,000	
Habitat Restoration	\$5,200	
Total	\$281,105	

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

Lolo National Forest Planned Projects for 2010

- Repair the water system at Lee Creek Campground.
- Continue work on the three recreation rentals at Savenac.
- Improve picnic tables in Pattee Canyon Picnic Area.
- Replace rotting site and barrier posts at several campgrounds.
- Continue to complete maintenance and cleaning tasks at campgrounds, rental cabins and lookouts.
- Process, administer and monitor outfitter and guide permits.



A log footbridge under construction on the Clearwater Lake Trail

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

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