



The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), signed into law in 2004, authorizes the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to establish, modify, charge, collect and retain recreation fees at Federal recreation lands and waters as provided for in the Act. Ninety-five percent of all fees collected on Forest Service sites stay at the local forest/grasslands and are reinvested in operations, maintenance and other visitor services.

Accomplishments provided with recreation fees on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest:

- Recreation Rentals
 - ✓ Supported the forest's cabin restoration crew and volunteer crews who:
 - Stabilized important historic structures.
 - Restored Hogan Cabin: replaced cedar shingle roof, porch, and damaged log chinking; applied fresh oil on exterior walls; painted the door and interior trim; re-glazed the windows; and installed wall protection for the wood stove and stove pipe.
 - Replaced front porch and oiled the exteriors of Antone and Wall Creek Cabin.
 - Completed safety inspections, general maintenance and cleaning tasks, installed smoke and carbon dioxide detectors, and stocked firewood at all cabins.
 - ✓ Supported ongoing partnership with the local cross-country ski club who treated the Gordon Reese Cabin for carpenter ants and repainted the toilet building.
 - ✓ Installed new cook stoves at West Fork of Rock Creek and Moose Lake Cabins. The stoves are UL approved, yet appropriate for historic cabins.
 - ✓ Constructed historically correct wooden beds and chairs for the cabins.



Building furniture for recreation rentals



Special Feature

Who can resist searching for buried treasure, especially when a hand trowel and a sieve are all that is needed? With a bit of digging, a variety of quartz crystals may be found at Crystal Park Mineral Collection Area. During 2008, fee funds were used to complete toilet and picnic site cleaning and maintenance tasks, and provide informational brochures and visitor assistance. A crew also completed maintenance on the accessible trail at the site.



Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,210
Recreation Fees	\$109,071
Special Uses	\$65,213
Total	\$175,494

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$2,942
Law Enforcement	\$2,942
Maintenance & Repair	\$64,983
Visitor Services	\$7,874
Total	\$78,741

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



2008 Accomplishments Continued:

- Campgrounds
 - ✓ Provided stipends and supplies for campground hosts at Reservoir Lake and May Creek Campgrounds, Sheepshead Recreation Area, and at two campgrounds located on the Pioneer Scenic Byway. These hosts provide visitor information, and complete cleaning and maintenance tasks at the sites.
 - ✓ Replaced damaged signs along the Pioneer Scenic Byway and information boards at the Miner Lakes Campground.
 - ✓ Repaired Price Creek Campground well and tested campground water supplies regularly.
 - ✓ Repaired and repainted the floors of ten toilet buildings.
 - ✓ Increased employee presence and patrols at all campgrounds and picnic areas.
- Outfitters and Guides
 - ✓ Completed maintenance tasks and upgrades on over 250 miles of trail. Outfitters and guides use these trails to lead horse back rides and day hikes and access base camps.

Before and After Cabin Photos

Hogan Cabin



Antone Cabin



*New cook stove at Moose Lake and
West Fork of Rock Creek Cabins*

Wall Creek Cabin





Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- Stain exterior and deck at Gordon Reese Cabin.
- Replace log chinking at Canyon Creek Cabin.
- Provide hosts at additional campgrounds and Crystal Park Mineral Collection Area.
- Repair and replace table tops at Price Creek Campground.
- Conduct vegetation management projects and hazard tree removal at several recreation sites.
- Complete trail bridge reconstruction projects at Schulz Creek and Lost Horse on trails used by outfitters and guides.
- Continue to complete maintenance tasks and water testing, and provide visitor information services at campgrounds and recreation rentals.



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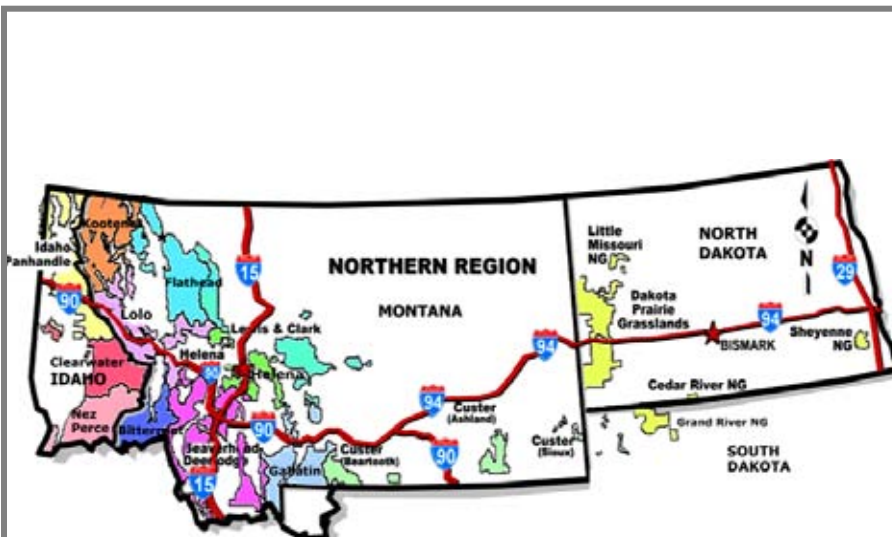
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Northern Region Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$49,439
Recreation Fees	\$1,461,675
Special Uses	\$1,126,284
Total	\$2,637,397

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$212,618
Law Enforcement	\$116,840
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,207,250
Visitor Services	\$660,152
Habitat Restoration	\$10,678
Fee Agreements	\$13,706
Total	\$2,221,244

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