



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 Bitterroot National Forest:

- Lake Como Recreation Area
 - ✓ Repaired vandalized toilet at beach area: replaced metal door, hardware, and toilet riser, and repainted walls.
 - ✓ Removed graffiti from cement wall on dam spillway.
 - ✓ Painted 30 picnic tables and rail fence.
 - ✓ Installed new signs at boat launch entrance and exits.
- Campgrounds
 - ✓ Completed water system maintenance, monthly testing, and lamp and filter changes at all sites.
 - ✓ Completed pre-season maintenance and safety inspections at all campgrounds and removed hazard trees.
 - ✓ Painted floors in toilet buildings, renumbered sites and installed new map display on the information board at Spring Gulch Campground.
 - ✓ Replaced stop sign and installed a one way sign, added gravel around fire rings, and stained all sixteen picnic tables at Indian Trees Campground.
 - ✓ Replaced stop signs, repainted bulletin board and signs, reconditioned picnic tables, and installed site post clips at Warm Springs and Martin Creek Campgrounds.
 - ✓ Installed site post clips and placed gravel around fire rings at Crazy Creek Campground.
 - ✓ Repainted information boards and reconditioned picnic tables at Charles Waters Campground and Larry Creek Group Camp.
 - ✓ Replaced two fire pits and installed new traffic signs for overflow parking at Alta Campground.
- Recreation Rentals
 - ✓ Remodeled pump house and repaired fire damaged floor at East Fork Guard Station.
 - ✓ Completed pre-season assessment and maintenance tasks at McCart and Medicine Point lookouts.
 - ✓ Repaired and re-glazed windows at Woods Cabin.
 - ✓ Installed new roof on Medicine Point Lookout.
- Outfitters and Guides, and Recreation Special Uses
 - ✓ Administered outfitter and guide, and recreation special use permits.
 - ✓ Inspected 35 outfitter camps.

Special Feature

How did Forest Service rangers live in the 1920s and 1930s? Renters of the historic Magruder Ranger Station can imagine what it was like to raise a family surrounded by millions of acres of backcountry. The cabin is located on the Selway River between the Selway-Bitterroot and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness areas. In 2008, fee funds were used to sand and reseal the floors on both levels of the house and install a new outdoor fire ring.



Bitterroot National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$2,116
Recreation Fees	\$120,394
Special Uses	\$85,613
Total	\$208,123

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$17,676
Law Enforcement	\$28,872
Maintenance & Repair	\$61,775
Visitor Services	\$53,814
Total	\$162,137

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



Bitterroot National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- Replace shelter at East Fork Cabin.
- Repair water systems at Bass Creek and Rombo campgrounds.
- Build bunk beds at Lost Horse Cabin.
- Reconstruct Schumaker Campground: replace picnic tables and fire rings, and resurface tent pads and parking spurs.



Repaired and reglazed windows at Woods Cabin



Woods Cabin

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