



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 Clearwater National Forest:

- Campgrounds
 - ✓ Funded campground hosts, including winter hosts at Elk River Campground, and seasonal employees who completed maintenance tasks:
 - Painted and stained toilet buildings and tables.
 - Identified and removed hazard trees.
 - Provided visitor information and compliance checks.
 - ✓ Funded weekend campfire interpretive programs.
 - ✓ Partnered with the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute who provided an Americorps volunteer trained in environmental and conservation education. This volunteer developed and delivered campfire programs and assisted with other educational and interpretive projects throughout the summer.
- Cabin/Lookout Rentals
 - ✓ Completed regular maintenance and cleaning tasks at all recreation rentals.
 - ✓ Completed improvements at Liz Creek, Kelly Creek and Gold Meadows Cabins.
- Outfitters and Guides, and Recreation Special Uses
 - ✓ Funded a River Ranger who provided visitor information, resource monitoring, and interpretive programs.
 - ✓ Completed maintenance projects on trails used by outfitters and guides.
 - ✓ Supported the tri-agency effort between the Forest Service, Idaho Outfitter and Guide Licensing Board, and Idaho Department of Fish and Game to provide state-wide, web based outfitter and guide area mapping for public use as well as to promote consistency in outfitter and guide program management.
- Lolo Pass
 - ✓ Groomed eight miles of cross country ski trails twice weekly.
 - ✓ Installed new informational signs and steel parking lot snow poles.
 - ✓ Provided patrols on snowmobile trails and avalanche monitoring.

Special Feature

Historically famous as the place the Lewis and Clark Expedition crossed the Bitterroot Range in 1805, Lolo Pass is also a well-known winter sports area. In 2008, fee funds provided groomed cross-country ski trails, informational signs and increased visitor center hours. They also paid for snow removal at winter parking areas in partnership with the Montana Highway Department.



Clearwater National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,778
Recreation Fees	\$164,934
Special Uses	\$75,346
Total	\$242,059

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$25,414
Law Enforcement	\$5,618
Maintenance & Repair	\$83,153
Visitor Services	\$42,127
Total	\$156,312

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

Clearwater National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- Continue to fund campground hosts and employees to provide visitor information and complete maintenance tasks at all campgrounds.
- Continue to support the partnership with State of Montana Highway Department for snow removal.
- Leverage State of Idaho Recreational Vehicle grants to complete past due maintenance tasks and upgrades at campgrounds that accommodate RV's.
- Implement an inventory and survey protocol along the Wild and Scenic Lochsa River.

Interpretive Fireside Program Offerings in 2008



Recreation Program



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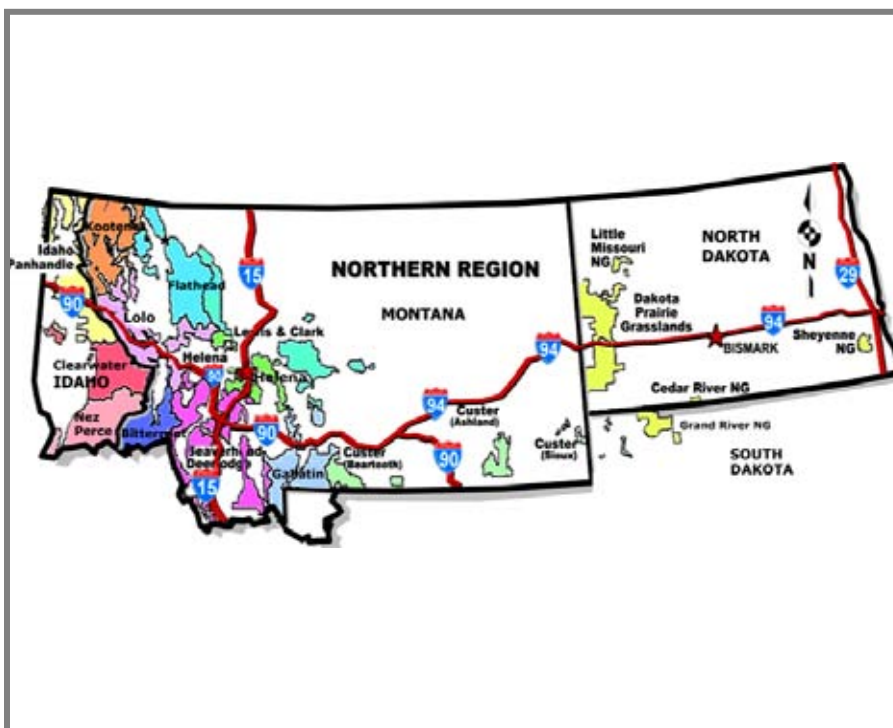
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Northern Region Revenues & Expenditures

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.