



*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 Custer National Forest:

- Leveraged funding with partners and supported the workforce that removed thousands of downed trees in recreation sites and across trails on the Beartooth district due to a wind event in November 2007.
- Funded personnel to complete maintenance and cleaning tasks, compliance patrols, and provide visitor information at campgrounds.
- Completed trail maintenance tasks on trails used by outfitters and guides as well as the public.
- Provided Wilderness patrols, educational information and law enforcement presence.



*Before and after photos of trail clearing on the Beartooth Ranger District*



## Special Feature

Available for year-round rental, the historic Whitetail Cabin on the Ashland Ranger District is a wonderful jump-off point for a variety of activities including hunting and cross-country skiing. A bargain at \$25 per night, the cabin sleeps four and has an electric stove and refrigerator, and is heated by a wood-burning stove. Various maintenance tasks at the cabin were completed in 2008 with recreation fees. Additional maintenance and upgrades are planned in 2009.



## Custer National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$2,200
Recreation Fees	\$24,713
Special Uses	\$32,795
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$59,708</b>

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$5,433
Law Enforcement	\$9,476
Maintenance & Repair	\$8,657
Visitor Services	\$29,534
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,100</b>

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

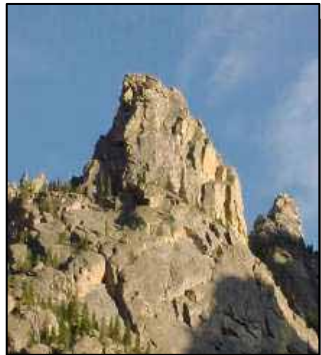


## Custer National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- Support partnerships with local organizations and communities.
- Continue to complete maintenance upgrades on recreation rental cabins.
- Continue to provide law enforcement presence and Wilderness patrols.
- Continue to clean and maintain all develop recreation sites.
- Process and administer outfitter and guide special use permits.



## Images of the Forest



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