



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 Helena National Forest:

- Completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at six campgrounds and seven recreation rental cabins.
- Provided visitor information and compliance patrols at all sites.
- Processed, administered and monitored twelve outfitter and guide permits.



Kading Cabin Recreation Rental



Campsite at Skidway Campground

Special Feature

New to the recreation rental program of the Helena National Forest, the Moose Creek Cabin gives the public an opportunity to step back 100 years. Constructed in 1907, the building was originally the District Ranger's residence. Fee funds in 2008 supported an ongoing partnership with the Montana Discovery Foundation and other volunteer groups who restored this important piece of history in the Ten Mile Drainage.



Helena National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,390
Recreation Fees	\$54,412
Special Uses	\$26,525
Total	\$82,328

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$7,093
Law Enforcement	\$167
Maintenance & Repair	\$26,794
Visitor Services	\$15,891
Total	\$49,945

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



Helena National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- Continue to provide visitor information, compliance patrols, and complete maintenance and cleaning tasks at all sites.
- Continue to process, administer and monitor outfitter and guide permits.



Images of the Forest



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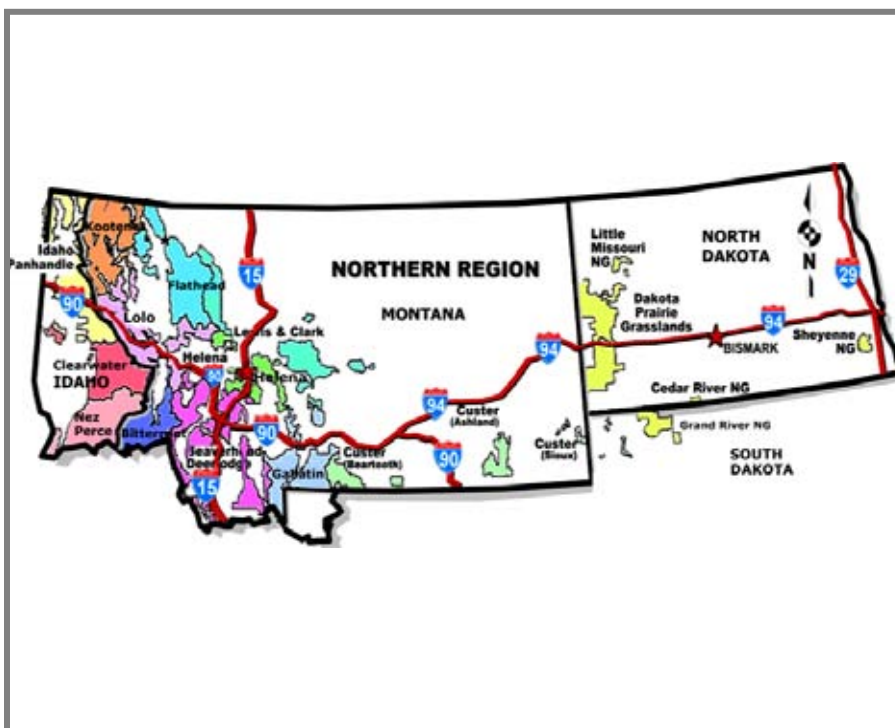
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Northern Region Revenues & Expenditures

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.