



*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 Idaho Panhandle National Forest:

- Increased staffing and operational hours at Emerald Creek Garnet Area to provide additional visitor services such as information and assistance.
- Administered and monitored 24 outfitter and guide permits.
- Completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at all ten recreational rentals.
- Completed maintenance tasks and site improvements at 26 sites that included campgrounds, boat launches and day use sites.



*Reeder Bay campsite*



*Emerald Creek Garnet Area*

## Special Feature

Originally built in 1919, Little Guard Lookout has the distinction of being the first Idaho lookout to be listed on the National Historic Register. Upgrades to the facility were completed in 2008 using recreation fees. New railings and furnishings, and a new roof now greet visitors to this "lighthouse of the land."



## Idaho Panhandle National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$2,302
Recreation Fees	\$147,661
Special Uses	\$35,673
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$185,636</b>

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$15,799
Law Enforcement	\$4,134
Maintenance & Repair	\$111,125
Visitor Services	\$7,139
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$138,197</b>

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



## Idaho Panhandle National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- Rehabilitate closed portion of the Emerald Creek Garnet Area.
- Complete water system improvement work at Avery Cabin and Shoshone Cabin.
- Install new fire rings and tables in many sites located on the two Priest Lake islands.



## Images from the Forest



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