



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 Kootenai National Forest:

- Campgrounds
 - ✓ Supported volunteer hosts at 17 sites who completed cleaning and maintenance tasks, and provided visitor information.
 - ✓ Repaired water systems.
 - ✓ Repaired and painted picnic tables, and replaced gravel around tables
 - ✓ Repaired and stained a fence.
 - ✓ Replaced treads on a stairway.
 - ✓ Increased the frequency of restroom cleaning and pumping.
 - ✓ Installed light sensors and painted vault toilet buildings.
 - ✓ Completed hazard tree removal.
 - ✓ Replaced deteriorated barrier posts.
 - ✓ Cleared brush along campground paths.
 - ✓ Added rip rap at boat ramps where needed.
- Recreation Rentals
 - ✓ Increased cleaning frequency for lookouts and cabins.
 - ✓ Provided firewood and propane.
 - ✓ Replaced sleeping pads, snow shovels, silverware, and lantern mantles.
 - ✓ Replaced or repaired window covers/shutters, and replaced broken windows and doors.
 - ✓ Repaired an electric heater.
 - ✓ Painted building exteriors.
 - ✓ Repaired one roof.
- Outfitter & Guide, Recreation Event Special Use Permits
 - ✓ Processed, administered and monitored 43 permits.
 - ✓ Sprayed weeds at wilderness trailheads.
 - ✓ Improved trailheads and completed maintenance tasks on trails used by outfitters and guides.

Special Feature

Built as part of the Lake Koocasnusa/Libby Dam Project by the Army Corps of Engineers, McGillivray Campground has a range of activities to entice outdoor enthusiasts. Opportunities to fish, boat, swim, hike, picnic, or just relax are available to day use and overnight visitors. Fee funds provided campground hosts at this site during 2008 who not only answered visitor questions, they kept the facility clean and well-maintained.



Kootenai National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$600
Recreation Fees	\$152,752
Special Uses	\$41,188
Total	\$194,540

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$21,399
Law Enforcement	\$0
Maintenance & Repair	\$105,864
Visitor Services	\$30,796
Total	\$158,059

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



Kootenai National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- Continue to provide stipends and supplies for campground hosts at 17 campgrounds who assist visitors by answering questions and completing maintenance tasks.
- Replace a gate and rock barriers, repair and paint picnic tables, repair or replace information stations at four sites, and increase frequency of vault toilet pumping at campgrounds.
- Complete various maintenance tasks on lookouts, including:
 - ✓ Replace a roof.
 - ✓ Repaint an exterior.
 - ✓ Install a new refrigerator.
 - ✓ Complete rodent-proofing.
 - ✓ Repairing shutters.
 - ✓ Provide firewood.
- Process and administer outfitter and guide, and recreation event special use permits.
- Spray noxious weeds at Wilderness trailheads.



McGregor Lake campsite



Visitors enjoying Rexford Beach

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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.