



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 Lewis and Clark National Forest:

- Campgrounds
 - ✓ Provided subsistence and propane for volunteer hosts at Mortimer Campground and Summit Campground/Marias Pass Interpretive Site. Funded an employee as a campground guard for developed and dispersed sites north of Choteau. This staff completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at campsites and the rest area/interpretive site, and provided visitor information, education and security.
 - ✓ Installed a new concrete toilet and accessible path at the Double Falls Campground.
 - ✓ Repaired and upgraded Kings Hill and Dry Wolf Campground water systems.
- Recreation Rentals
 - ✓ Replaced furnishings and completed cleaning tasks at West Fork Cabin.
 - ✓ Repaired the wood stove and stove pipe, and installed a new refrigerator and electric stove at Kings Hill Cabin.
 - ✓ Provided firewood and propane at rental cabins.
- Outfitter & Guide Permits
 - ✓ Completed trail maintenance and upgrades on trails utilized by hunting outfitters.
 - ✓ Provided a volunteer host at Smith River for three 5-day trips.
 - ✓ Installed new trail signs.
 - ✓ Completed outfitter and guide inspections on Smith River.



Special Feature

In May of 2008 the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center (LCIC) celebrated its 10th year of operation by hosting a party for nearly 2,000 visitors! Fee funds supported programming for the event that included a live bison onsite, a snake program, and demonstrations from Zoo Montana. Partners provided free birthday cake, hotdogs and drinks. This memorable event was only one in a series of exciting and educational opportunities offered at the center throughout 2008. Many happy returns, LCIC!



Lewis and Clark National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$20,953
Recreation Fees	\$160,073
Special Uses	\$66,619
Total	\$247,645

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$40,301
Law Enforcement	\$0
Maintenance & Repair	\$75,567
Visitor Services	\$126,485
Fee Agreements	\$13,706
Total	\$256,059

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenues.



2008 Accomplishments Continued:

- Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center
 - ✓ Funded, either whole or in part, eight interpreters and the Center Director who designed and presented programs to 54,459 visitors and nearly 5,000 students. Programs included:
 - *Voices in the Shadows*: characters provided first person delivery of short vignettes as visitors were led through the halls by candlelight.
 - A lecture series focusing on the *Two Missions: One Passion* exhibit in partnership with the local Portage Route Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and funded in part with a grant from the National Park Service.
 - *Star Party Extravaganza* in cooperation with the Central Montana Astronomy Society with guest speaker Jon Logan
 - *December Drop and Shop* program and *Winter Warmup* activities for children and their families.
 - Poet Frank Walker from Cincinnati, Ohio as a lecturer in honor of Black History Month.
 - *Lewis and Clark Festival*: a day camp for children, Native American art show, puppet shows, a low-tech caching game, concerts, traditional Indian dancing demonstrations, and a special nature hike to Sulphur Spring.
 - *River Camp*: visitors were treated to opportunities to pitch a tipi, learn to work with a map and compass, make fire with flint and steel, or tan a hide along the Missouri River.
 - Summer day camps for youth.
 - *Lawn Chair* programs every Friday evening during the summer on a different topic surrounding the Lewis and Clark story.
 - *Indian Voices* program every Saturday evening during the summer featuring Native American speakers.
 - ✓ Funded transport and exhibit modification of the David Thompson-William Clark exhibit donated to the LCIC from the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, Spokane, WA.
 - ✓ Hosted:
 - Special Olympics participants and Great Falls Girl Scouts in May.
 - Great Falls Public Schools Indian Education program youth who demonstrated traditional Indian dancers during Native American week.
 - ✓ Planned the design and fabrication of a new exhibit to open in 2009: *The Blackfeet Painted Tipi: Enduring Art, Spiritual Symbol*.





Lewis and Clark National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- The Interpretive Center will continue to offer a variety of interpretive programming and youth camps, and host school group visits, including:
 - ✓ A speaker series focusing on Blackfeet culture.
 - ✓ Programs associated with the Pollinator Project.
 - ✓ The first annual butterfly count.
 - ✓ Partnering with the Great Falls Public Schools to implement a “More Kids in the Woods” grant focusing on engaging 5th graders in a winter ecology experience on snowshoes.
- Continue to support volunteer hosts and employees who complete maintenance and cleaning tasks and provide visitor information and education.
- Continue to complete maintenance tasks at cabin rentals.



Images from the forest



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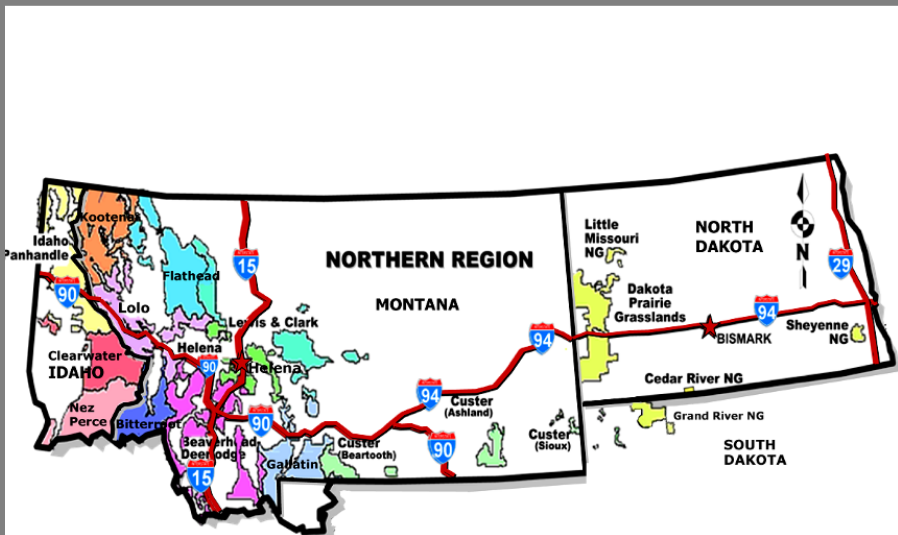
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Northern Region Revenues & Expenditures

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.