



*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 Lolo National Forest:

- Campgrounds
  - ✓ Completed pre-season safety inspection and hazard tree removal at all 32 campgrounds.
  - ✓ Funded employees who completed cleaning and maintenance tasks, provided visitor information and completed compliance and safety patrols at sites.
  - ✓ Pumped vault toilets, completed routine water testing at all sites, and improved campground signing.
  - ✓ Installed a horse corral at Slowey Campground.
  - ✓ Presented interpretive programs at Seeley Lake campgrounds.
  - ✓ Developed a host site at Norton Campground.
  - ✓ Increased law enforcement presence at sites during weekends and holidays.
- Recreation Rentals
  - ✓ Installed a vault toilet at Thompson Peak Lookout and hitch rails at Bend Guard Station.
  - ✓ Completed maintenance tasks at Double Arrow Lookout to prepare it for public use during 2009.
  - ✓ Completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at all rentals.
- Ninemile Wildlands Training Center
  - ✓ Offered eighteen courses specializing in hands-on traditional skills, such as care and handling of hand tools, horsemanship and packing, historic building preservation and maintenance, and low impact backcountry stock use.
- Outfitters and Guides
  - ✓ Partially funded a trail crew who cleared fallen trees from trails in the Scapegoat Wilderness and Monture backcountry used by outfitter and guide permit holders.
  - ✓ Supported a Wilderness Guard who inventoried campsites, treated weeds, and provided visitor education.
  - ✓ Installed trailhead signs that recognize partners, including outfitters and guides, who assisted in trail maintenance on the Ninemile Ranger District.

## Special Feature

Ninemile Wildlands Training Center is a place to learn back woods skills such as repairing historic buildings, backpacking with stock animals, and surviving in the wilderness. Fee funds support these traditional, hands-on educational opportunities. In 2008, participants replaced a roof made of hand-sawn cedar shingles, replaced a porch on a historic residence, and supported trail crews by using stock animals to transport several hundred pounds of equipment and supplies.



## Lolo National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,402
Recreation Fees	\$211,030
Special Uses	\$62,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$274,682</b>

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$34,705
Law Enforcement	\$12,519
Maintenance & Repair	\$119,487
Visitor Services	\$83,673
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,384</b>

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



## Lolo National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- Continue to complete maintenance and cleaning tasks at campgrounds and cabin rentals.
- Upgrade the water system at Cabin City Campground.
- Continue to support Ninemile Wildlands Training Center and offer wildland courses to employees and the public.
- Process, administer and monitor outfitter and guide permits.
- Complete maintenance tasks at trailheads and along trails.
- Increase public contact and compliance patrols.



*New cooperators sign*

## 2008 Accomplishment Photos



*Porch replacement on an historic structure*

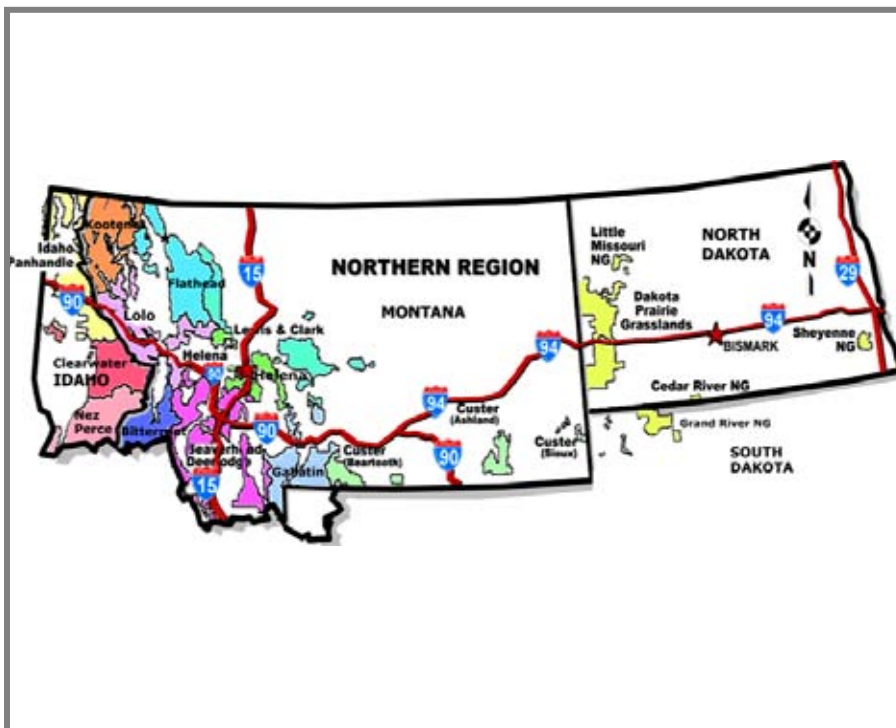


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### Northern Region Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$49,439
Recreation Fees	\$1,461,675
Special Uses	\$1,126,284
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,637,397</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,221,244</b>

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