



*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 Nez Perce National Forest:

- Completed trail maintenance work in the Salmon River corridor, Gospel Hump and Selway-Bitterroot Wildernesses, and across the forest on trails used by outfitters and guides. Also completed maintenance tasks on the Selway River Trail to accommodate outfitter and guide use during early season hunting.
- Administered and performed compliance inspections on fourteen special use permits.
- Began rebuild of the Vinegar Creek boat ramp: removed damaged concrete and 30 yards of sand that had been blocking the ramp.
- Funded a seasonal employee to assist with campground maintenance on the Moose Creek Ranger District.
- Supported volunteer campground hosts who provided visitor information, and completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at Castle Creek, South Fork, Fish Creek, Johnson Bar, and O' Hara Bar Campgrounds.
- Contracted trash receptacles and removal service at Spring Bar and Selway River sites.
- Completed toilet pumping at all fee campgrounds.
- Completed overdue maintenance on vault toilets, picnic tables and other developed site facilities.
- Completed cleaning and maintenance tasks at Adams and Walker Cabins.
- Reset toilet, and completed pre-season and post-season maintenance and cleaning tasks at the Meadow Creek Cabin
- Completed assessment, final survey and design work, and contract package for implementation of Carey Creek boating on Salmon River.



## Special Feature

The 60-foot Lookout Butte fire tower offers a panoramic view of Montana's natural beauty and stargazing without the interference of light pollution. This exceptional experience has not been offered for three years; however, the tower is now open for overnight rental once again with the help of fee funds. In 2008 fee funds were used to correct safety deficiencies, and replace locks and the rope and pulley system.



## Nez Perce National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$430
Recreation Fees	\$46,668
Special Uses	\$74,842
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$121,939</b>

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Cost of Collection	\$23,985
Law Enforcement	\$0
Maintenance & Repair	\$27,927
Visitor Services	\$29,851
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,763</b>

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



## Nez Perce National Forest Planned Projects for 2009

- Maintain and improve facilities at recreation rentals including Adams Camp, Meadow Creek Cabin, Jerry Walker Cabin, and Lookout Butte Lookout.
- Continue work at Vinegar Creek boat ramp.
- Install new drinking water well, complete overdue maintenance tasks, and improve traffic flow and parking at Red River Campground.
- Construct host site at Johnson Bar Campground.
- Continue to fund a host at O'Hara Bar Campground.
- Continue to partner with owners of Red River Hot Springs Resort to complete upgrades and maintenance tasks at the site.
- Continue to focus on completing maintenance tasks on high priority trails in Wilderness and non-wilderness areas used by outfitters and guides.
- Complete Salmon River Recreation Area planning in order to implement first phase of construction.
- Continue to partner with the County for road maintenance and garbage collection.
- Place two picnic tables, more toilet tissue dispensers, and two fire rings in the Selway corridor.
- Pump toilets in the Selway corridor and at two trailheads.
- Clear brush along Big Rock Trail.



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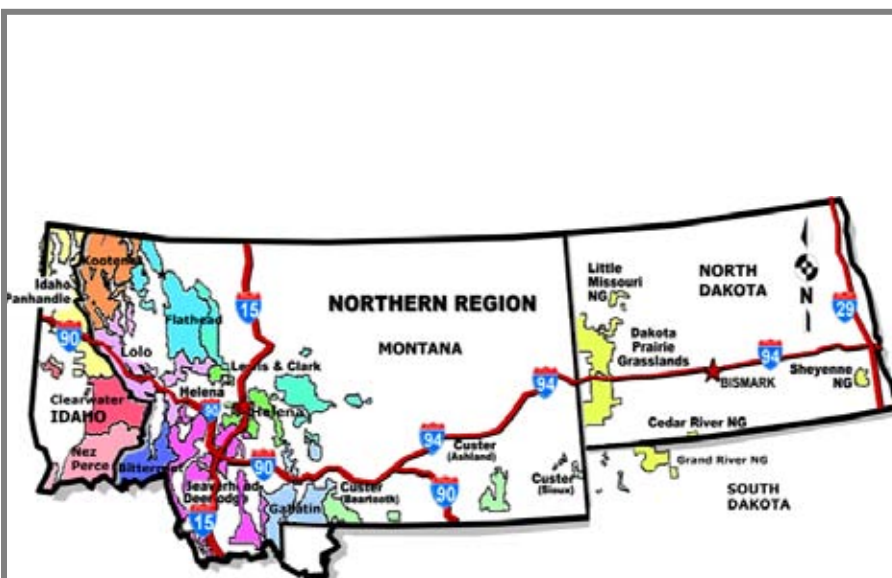
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### Northern Region Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$49,439
Recreation Fees	\$1,461,675
Special Uses	\$1,126,284
<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.