Forest Service Northern Region Clearwater National Forest

Recreation Program

Fee Accomplishment Report 2011



Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees on the Clearwater National Forest:

Cabins and Lookouts

• Completed cleaning tasks, and regular and backlogged maintenance projects, and purchased supplies for cabins and lookouts across the forest.

Outfitter and Guide Special Use Program

- Funded a River Ranger who provided visitor information and education, and monitored resources on the Lochsa River.
- Administered and inspected outfitter and guide special use permits.
- Completed maintenance projects on trails used by outfitter and guides, which included removing a substantial number of fallen trees on the trails.



Fallen trees were cleared to open trails in the spring.

Special Feature

Can't decide between Nordic skiing and snowmobiling? Spend a day at Lolo Pass Winter Recreation Area and you can do both! Not only will you find groomed ski and snowmobile trails, but also a warm and welcoming visitor center. In 2011, recreation fees funded trail grooming, avalanche monitoring, informational signing, and staffing at the visitor center.



Clearwater National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue				
Source	Amount			
Recreation Fees	\$149,649			
Special Uses	\$49,398			
Interagency Pass	\$1,352			
Total	\$ 200,399			
Expenditures*				
Source	Amount			
Maintenance & Repair	\$20,000			
Visitor Services	\$291,365			
Cost of Collections	\$0			
Law Enforcement	\$20,000			
Total	\$331,365			

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.

Clearwater National Forest Additional Accomplishments

Campgrounds

- Supported hosts at Palouse, Elk River, Little Boulder, Laird Park, Washington, Kelly Forks, Wilderness Gateway, Powell, and Wendover campgrounds who provided visitor information and assistance and completed maintenance and cleaning tasks. These volunteers contributed a total of 7,352 hours during the summer season.
- Funded garbage removal and regular maintenance at campgrounds.
- Provided electrical service at Laird Park, Little Boulder and Elk Creek campgrounds.



Laird Park Campground host site



Lolo Pass Winter Recreation Area parking was maintained in partnership with Montana Highway Department.

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Northern Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue				
Source	Amount			
Recreation Fees	\$1,553,414			
Special Uses	\$915,075			
Interagency Pass	\$43,879			
Total	\$2,512,368			
Expenditures*				
Source	Amount			
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,081,885			
Visitor Services	\$1,315,487			
Cost of Collections	\$146,017			
Law Enforcement	\$128,694			
Habitat Restoration	\$28,158			
Fee Agreements	\$12,010			
Total	\$2,712,251			
*Expenditures can be funded with previous vears' revenues				

A fee is charged at 20% of the Developed Recreation Sites in the Northern Region.



Northern Region Recreation Sites								
Site Type	Total	# Fee Sites	Site Type	Total	# Fee Sites			
Boat, Swim, Fish	139	11	Day Use Areas	154	0			
Campgrounds	408	157	Picnic Areas	66	4			
Lookouts/Cabins	147	134	Interpretive Sites	85	1			
Camping Areas	1699	0	Visitor Centers	8	3			
Group Campgrounds	11	6	Winter Play Areas	15	2			
Group Picnic Areas	14	11	Trailheads	520	0			
Horse Camps	7	3	Miscellaneous	6	1			

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