Forest Service Northern Region **Custer National Forest**

Recreation Program









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 Custer National Forest:

- Issued, administered, and monitored six recreation events, and 18 outfitter and guide special use permits.
- Maintained 221 miles of trail used by outfitter and guides as well as the public.
- Purchased necessary equipment and supplies for the Wilderness Trails program.



Mystic Lake Trailhead



M-K Campground

Special Feature

The Beartooth Scenic Highway is a breathtaking 68-mile drive winding from dark dense forest up to the top of windswept tundra dotted with lakes. Claimed to be one of "America's Most Beautiful Highways," visitors create lasting memories on this drive that runs through the northeast corner of Yellowstone National Park.



Custer National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*			
Source	Amount		
Recreation Fees	\$26,708		
Special Uses	\$11,210		
Interagency Pass	\$0		
Total	\$37,918		

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$9,200
Visitor Services	\$6,215
Cost of Collections	\$6,000
Law Enforcement	\$1,500
Fee Agreements	\$12,010
Total	\$34,925

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

Custer National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Completed cleaning and maintenance tasks at three cabin rentals and 32 campgrounds and picnic areas.
- Completed site improvements and replaced all picnic table tops at the Red Shale Campground.



Diamond Butte Lookout



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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	

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 years' revenues.