



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 Gallatin National Forest:

Quake Lake Visitor Information Center:

- Funded employees who staffed the visitor center daily from May through September.
- Presented eight preseason interpretive talks to 335 school children and introduced 102 children to the Earthquake Lake Junior Geologist Program.



Junior Geologist Program participant and friends

Outfitter and Guide Special Uses:

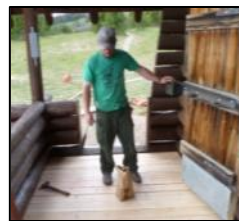
- Developed protocols for issuing temporary outfitter and guide special use permits.
- Administered and monitored over 100 outfitter and guide special use permits.

Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center:

- Leveraged \$45,000 of grant funds and partially funded Avalanche Center operations. Delivered a record 145 advisories that were accessed by over 3,275 people daily – an increase of six percent over 2010.
- Partnered with the Friends of the Avalanche Center (FOAC) and presented 79 safety courses and reached nearly 5,000 people; used social media outlets as a means to communicate avalanche safety information.

Recreation Rentals:

- Replaced front porch at Wapiti Cabin and front porch floor at Windy Pass Cabin.
- Removed rodent-infested interior wall sheathing and re-chinked exposed hand hewn logs at Porcupine Cabin.
- Rebuilt windows and re-shingled the roof and gable ends at historic Basin Station Barn.
- Cut and stacked over 80 cords of firewood for use at rental cabins.



New porch floor at Windy Pass Cabin

Special Feature

At an elevation of just over 6,800 feet, Rendezvous Ski Trails has plenty of perfect snow days! In 2011, the forest, using recreation fee funds, partnered with West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation and installed new trail signs and entrance kiosks, upgraded the biathlon range, developed maps, and groomed about 39 kilometers of trail. Visit: www.rendezvouskitrails.com.



Gallatin National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$201,801
Special Uses	\$209,393
Interagency Pass	\$12,018
Total	\$423,212

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$171,489
Visitor Services	\$244,393
Cost of Collections	\$0
Law Enforcement	\$12,000
Total	\$427,882

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.

Gallatin National Forest Additional Accomplishments

Winter Recreation and Trails Projects:

- Funded Snow Rangers who assisted thousands of skiers and snowmobilers around the forest, maintained trails and winter parking facilities, groomed ski trails in Hyalite Canyon, and presented winter safety education programs.
- Partnered with Gallatin County and leveraged grant funds to remove snow and maintain winter access to world class ice climbing, Nordic skiing, and ice fishing opportunities along Hyalite Canyon Road.

Summer Trails and Wilderness Projects:

- Maintained over 500 miles of trail in the Lee Metcalf and Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness areas, and cleared fallen trees across hundreds of trail miles outside wilderness.
- Completed large maintenance projects including bridge replacements, rock wall reconstruction, boardwalk replacement, and tread erosion repair. Installed new trail signs.

Developed Site Maintenance:

- Completed operation and maintenance tasks at 11 fee campgrounds: refurbished picnic tables, replaced signs and fences, and repaired toilet buildings.



Nordic enthusiasts on Rendezvous Ski Trail



Workers repaired trail tread after spring rains.

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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.