



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 Helena National Forest:

- Maintained and operated six rental cabins and seven fee campgrounds.
- Provided visitor information and compliance checks at all fee sites.
- Reconstructed Kading Campground: constructed new pull-through parking pads and installed new picnic tables, fire-rings and a kiosk.
- Reconstructed Park Lake Campground: placed new picnic tables and fire-rings, and added gravel to delineate camp units. Planted lodge pole pine seedlings to replace previously removed hazard trees.
- Treated exteriors of Kading Cabin, Eagle Guard Station, Cummings Cabin and Meriwether Cabin.
- Removed lower toilet building susceptible to flooding at the Meriwether Picnic Site.

Special Feature

Public and employee safety is always job one in our national forests. Trees killed by a mountain pine beetle epidemic sweeping across the West presented a serious hazard in developed recreation sites. In 2011, recreation fee funds were used to cut and remove hazard trees in Kading Campground, Aspen Grove Campground and Picnic Site, and Moose Creek and Cromwell Dixon campgrounds. These sites will once again be available to the public in 2012.



Helena National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$59,749
Special Uses	\$24,073
Interagency Pass	\$2,220
Total	\$86,042

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$17,041
Visitor Services	\$12,694
Cost of Collections	\$22,521
Law Enforcement	\$6,000
Total	\$58,256



Eagle Guard Station

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

Helena National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Replaced rundown fence at the Indian Meadows Trailhead.
- Developed vegetation management plans for Thompson Cabin, and Skidway, Gipsy Lake, and Cromwell Dixon campgrounds.
- Administered and monitored outfitter and guide special use permits.



Bar Gulch Cabin

Information:

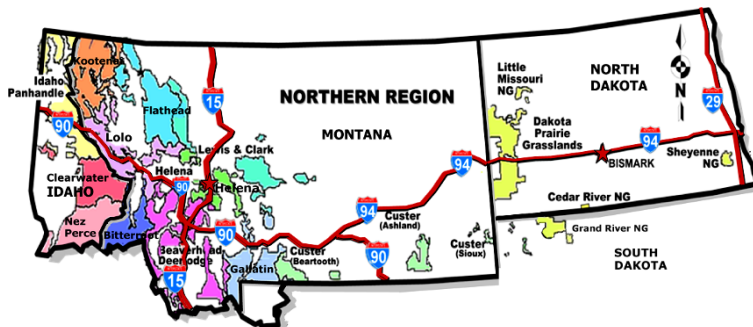
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A fee is charged at 20% of the Developed Recreation Sites in the Northern Region.



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.