Forest Service Northern Region Kootenai 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 Kootenai National Forest:

- Supported campground hosts who provided visitor information, conducted compliance checks and completed maintenance tasks.
- Provided propane and firewood and pumped toilets at campgrounds, cabins and lookouts across the forest.
- Constructed firewood sheds at Yaak River and Bad Medicine campgrounds.
- Upgraded electrical service at Timberlane Campground.
- Purchased a new power washer and Wacker plate soil compactor.
- Painted Yaak Mountain Lookout interior and a Bad Medicine Campground toilet building.
- Purchased a new historical sign for the Upper Ford Cabin.
- Purchased new propane cook stove for Big Creek Baldy Lookout and mattress pads for the Three Rivers Ranger District lookouts.

Big Creek Baldy Lookout

Special Feature

Sitting at an elevation of 5,798 feet, the Sex Peak Lookout offers incredible views of Clark Fork Valley and the surrounding area. Originally constructed in the 1920's and replaced in 1948, the current lookout was retired from service in the 1970's. Since then, it's become a popular destination for visitors interested in a rustic getaway. In 2011 with recreation fee funds, this popular rental received vital repairs that included a new roof, shutters and lightening protection system.



Kootenai National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue		
Source	Amount	
Recreation Fees	\$164,852	
Special Uses	\$30,537	
Interagency Pass	\$0	
Total	\$195,389	

Expenditures*			
Source	Amount		
Maintenance & Repair	\$53,000		
Visitor Services	\$192,852		
Cost of Collections	\$0		
Law Enforcement	\$9,000		
Total	\$254,852		

^{*}Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.

Kootenai National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Processed, administered and monitored 16 recreation events and 38 outfitter and guide special use permits.
- Provided portable toilets and funded local law enforcement officers for off-highway vehicle patrols during a recreation event on Lake Koocanusa.





Cabinet Mountain Wilderness

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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.