



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 Lewis and Clark National Forest:

Rocky Mountain Front Range:

- Supported a campground host who complete general maintenance and cleaning tasks, provided visitor information, and collected fees at seven campgrounds.
- Completed maintenance tasks at and improved the half mile access trail to Kenck Cabin.
- Removed graffiti from nine vault toilet buildings.
- Improved accessibility at Elkhorn Campground by installing a concrete pad for a vault toilet.
- Replaced maps on information boards at several campgrounds.
- Funded two wilderness guides for the Bob Marshall Wilderness complex. These guides maintained trails, rehabilitated camp sites, and contacted visitors.
- Constructed, installed, and maintained small wilderness safety signs to inform visitors about bear activity.

Jefferson Division Mountain Ranges:

- Leveraged \$25,000 of fee funds with volunteer labor and complete improvements at Kings Hill Cabin.
- Funded recreation technicians who completed general maintenance and cleaning tasks, provided visitor information, and collected fees at campgrounds.
- Replaced damaged doors on vault toilet buildings.
- Replaced flooring, repaired exterior siding, and repainted Dry Wolf Cabin.
- Replaced door lock systems at Kings Hill and Calf Creek cabins.
- Removed hazard trees from ten trailheads used by outfitter and guide special use permit holders.



7th grade students from Great Falls identify shrubs during Field Investigation Day.

Special Feature

When the synergy of a group is supported with recreation fees incredible things can happen. During a busy two weeks in August 2011, a group of volunteers and employees overhauled Kings Hill Cabin. They constructed a new back porch, updated electrical wiring, installed a new electric range, re-roofed the back of the cabin, landscaped and leveled the parking area, and created an accessible route to the cabin. The results are inspired!



Lewis and Clark National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$156,841
Special Uses	\$104,063
Interagency Pass	\$28,289
Total	\$289,193

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$76,622
Visitor Services	\$73,825
Cost of Collections	\$13,999
Law Enforcement	\$3,747
Total	\$168,193

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

Lewis and Clark National Forest Additional Accomplishments

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center:

- Presented interpretive programs to 51,230 national and international visitors.
- Provided hands-on classroom and field experiences for 4,120 students through education programs.
- Offered free interpretive evening programs and special events to 8,279 visitors.

Partnership Highlights:

- Partnered with the Lewis and Clark Foundation and brought the 22nd Annual Lewis and Clark Festival to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.
- Partnered with Great Falls Public School system and provided forest winter ecology education and a day of snowshoeing to 728 5th grade students.
- Leveraged National Park Service grant funds and partnered with the Great Falls Public School system to provide 752 seventh grade students a day of hands-on science and field investigations.



Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center



Boy Scout Troop #466 raise the sail on a replica bateau they dedicated to the Interpretive Center.

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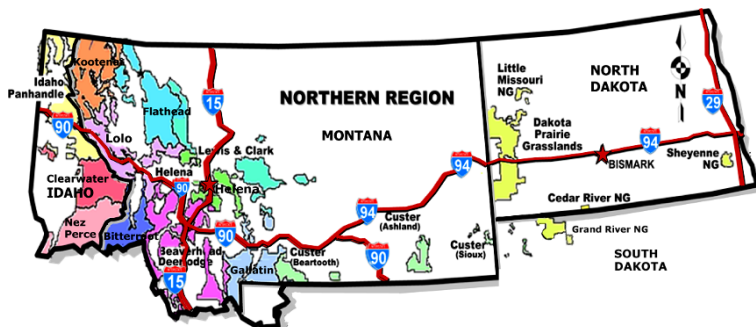
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A fee is charged at 20% of the Developed Recreation Sites in the Northern Region.



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.