Forest Service Northern Region Nez Perce 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 Nez Perce National Forest:

- Supported campground hosts who provided visitor information, and completed maintenance tasks at Castle Creek, South Fork, Fish Creek, and O'Hara campgrounds. Volunteer hosts logged 2,480 hours during 2011.
- Pumped vault toilets at all campgrounds and funded garbage service at several fee campgrounds.
- Funded wilderness rangers and developed recreation technicians who provided a field presence, assisted visitors, and completed maintenance and cleaning tasks.
- Repaired corral and drainage structures at Wild Horse Campground, an access point to Gospel Hump Wilderness.
- Repaired stock loading ramp and hitch rail at Poet Creek Campground and added gravel surfacing to 14 Mile Trailhead, both of which access Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.
- Completed cleaning and maintenance tasks, and purchased supplies for Adams Historic Ranger House and Walker Cabin.
- Completed trail maintenance work in the Salmon River corridor, and Gospel Hump, Frank Church River of No Return and Selway Bitterroot Wilderness areas. Supported trail crews who cleared significant numbers of fallen trees from trails.



Poet Creek Trail before clearing.

Special Feature

Every year, thousands of people enjoy public lands on horseback. In 2011, recreation fee revenue helped improve horse riding opportunities by paying for new hitch rails at Halfway House and Whitewater Campground trailheads. Revenue also improved stock handling capabilities. Riders interested in enjoying a day in Gospel Hump or Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness will experience these upgrades.



Nez Perce National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue		
Source	Amount	
Recreation Fees	\$ 43,806	
Special Uses	\$72,287	
Interagency Pass	\$0	
Total	\$116,093	

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$25,000
Visitor Services	\$228,906
Cost of Collections	\$0
Law Enforcement	\$15,000
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$268,906

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

Nez Perce National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Supplemented funds and completed contracted reconstruction work on the Carey Creek Boat Ramp. This ramp provides access to the Main Salmon River for rafters from May through September, and private and outfitted jet boats for steelhead trout fishing the rest of the year.
- Administered and inspected twelve outfitter and guide special use permits.



Campsite improvement at Orogrand Summit Campground



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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.