



*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:

- Completed cleaning, maintenance and repair tasks, patrolled areas, and provided visitor information and assistance at developed recreation sites using employees and volunteer hosts. Provided visitor information about forest recreation opportunities at district offices.
- Cleaned, painted and repaired rental cabins across the forest. Repaired doors, windows, interior tables, cook stoves, chimneys and roofs. Repaired vandalized windows and door locks on Douglas and Racetrack cabins.
- Improved weather resistance for several cabins: Replaced log trim edging, fascia, shingles, moldings, and weather stripping, and installed new oakum around windows and between logs.
- Refinished Black Butte and Notch cabin floors. Purchased new mattresses and bunk beds for Twin Lakes Cabin.
- Cut, split and stacked firewood for cabins across the forest.
- Painted and replaced picnic tables at campgrounds and cabins; replaced fire rings, parking barriers, hitch rails, corrals and enclosure fences.
- Repainted, replaced and updated information kiosks and signs at forest access points, trailheads and recreation sites.
- Cleaned, repainted and serviced toilets at developed recreation sites and trailheads that serve the public as well as outfitter and guides and other special use permit holders.
- Continued to remove hazard trees at campgrounds, picnic areas, rental cabins, trailheads, interpretive sites and along trails throughout the forest.
- Completed extensive vegetation clearing, tread maintenance and improvement projects, and installed new signs along trails.
- Purchased supplies and materials for site cleaning, maintenance and completion of various projects.
- Administered recreation events authorized under special use permits.



*Bear Creek Bunkhouse's new roof*

## Special Feature

Working with volunteer groups like the Montana Conservation Corps crew shown below is vital to the forest's recreation program. Partnerships like these help meet the Forest Service mission of sustainability by promoting citizen stewardship and connecting people to their natural and cultural heritage. As a bonus the work often supports a healthy lifestyle; what a terrific win-win!



B-D National Forest  
 Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$131,064
Special Uses	\$52,076
Interagency Pass	\$1,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,910</b>

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$123,731
Visitor Services	\$15,018
Cost of Collections	\$5,717
Law Enforcement	\$5,717
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,183</b>

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

## Beaverhead-Deerlodge Accomplishments Continued

- Combined efforts with the forest's "Be Bear Aware" Team and installed 16 bear-resistant food storage boxes at several developed recreation sites. Posted new signs to inform and educate visitors about food storage and bear safety.
- Supplemented appropriated funds and partnered with timber and fire staffs to identify and remove hazard trees, burn resulting debris piles and control and prevent further beetle damage by spraying and applying pheromones to trees at developed recreation sites, trailheads and along trails.
- Promoted citizen stewardship and partnered with service and non-profit organizations, and individual volunteers. These groups restored recreation settings at developed sites, cabins and along trails and assisted with National Lands Day projects and youth field camps. Volunteer groups for 2012 included the National Smokejumper Association, Americorps, Montana Conservation Corps, Montana Wilderness Association, Montana Youth Challenge and Backcountry Horsemen.



Tread improvement on Middle Bear Creek Trail



Refinished floor at Black Butte Cabin

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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	\$1,671,968
Special Uses	\$917,859
Interagency Pass	\$60,499
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,650,325</b>

#### Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$859,415
Visitor Services	\$1,042,756
Cost of Collections	\$176,179
Law Enforcement	\$102,357
Habitat Restoration	\$62,414
Fee Agreements	\$6,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,249,765</b>

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