



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:

- Lake Como Recreation Area:
 - ✓ Constructed new woodshed and purchased and filled a new 250 gallon propane tank at Wood's Cabin.
 - ✓ Constructed and stained three benches at Three Sisters Group Site.
 - ✓ Purchased and installed two new buoys, cable, and dock at the boat launch.
 - ✓ Installed new swim line and two buoys at the beach.
 - ✓ Planted shrubs and trees in Lower Como Campground.
 - ✓ Repaired trail interpretive sign.
 - ✓ Painted 27 tables, six benches and the interiors of 12 outhouses.
- Funded tree thinning slash and debris cleanup and site restoration after hazard tree removal at Indian Trees, Warm Springs, Crazy Creek, Martin Creek, Sam Billings, Alta, and Rombo campgrounds, Lake Como Recreation Area, and East Fork Guard Station. Insecticide was applied to 5,000 trees in these same areas to help protect them from further damage by mountain pine beetles.
- Installed new information boards, replaced and repainted picnic tables, repaired and repainted vault toilets at campgrounds and trailheads.
- Reconstructed accessible fishing pier and replaced 11 picnic tables at Spring Gulch Campground.
- Sanded and stained 110 picnic table planks for Stevensville Ranger District recreation sites.
- Repaired Magruder Cabin's water heater and rebuilt Gird Lookout's vault toilet.
- Repaired and installed shutters at Medicine Point Lookout.



New picnic tables at Gold Creek Campground.

Special Feature

Short hike, incredible view – you're likely at McCart Lookout! Not only is the 1.5 mile hike appealing to visitors, the new "old" look will be too. The lookout was restored to a 1940s style with reconstruction completed in fall of 2012. Fee funds paid for materials and to transport them to the site via helicopter.



Bitterroot National Forest
Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$123,636
Special Uses	\$65,830
Interagency Pass	\$2,857
Total	\$192,323

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$59,031
Visitor Services	\$69,448
Cost of Collections	\$19,000
Law Enforcement	\$15,855
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$163,334

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

Bitterroot Accomplishments Continued

- Administered and monitored 42 outfitter and guide special use permits; performed 71 outfitter camp and 11 Selway River camp inspections.
- Completed maintenance tasks on 21 miles of trail and improved tread on two miles.
- Administered 12 recreation event special use permits including a dog sled race and the Lake Como Triathlon.
- Supported Bitter Root Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.'s Earth Stewardship Program and presented educational programs for Hamilton, Corvallis and Victor seventh grade students. Students also participated in stewardship activities and constructed trail, cleaned fire rings and raked debris at Three Sister's Group Site.
- Facilitated volunteer work day in memory of Conner Arent at Bass Creek Recreation Area.
- Coordinated and facilitated Kids in the Woods Program at the Bass Creek Recreation Area for approximately 400 children attending Lolo, Stevensville, Hamilton, Corvallis and Valley Christian schools.
- Staffed visitor booth at the Ravalli County Fair and provided information to approximately 30,000 people.



Middle school students paint tables at Three Sister's Group Site.



Competitors in the Lake Como Triathlon

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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
Total	\$2,650,325

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
Total	\$2,249,765

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