



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:

Buffalo Gap Campground

- Supplemented funds and upgraded the campground's water system: Installed new electrical panel, five holding tanks and 800 feet of main water pipeline. This system supports ten hydrants, two host sites, two restrooms and three showers.
- Contracted repair of water pipes and broken shower, sink and toilet seals caused by an early fall freeze.
- Supported volunteer campground hosts who cleaned and maintained sites and provided visitor information and security.



Buffalo Gap Campground Hosts



New water hydrant at Buffalo Gap

Special Feature

Controlling the spread of noxious weeds is critical to maintain healthy and beautiful prairie ecosystems. In 2012, the recreation and range programs joined the Billings County Weed Board to inhibit the spread of weeds. Led by botany technician Kelly Privratsky, the team treated vegetation at ten campgrounds, 16 trailheads, one picnic area and seven interpretive sites.



Dakota Prairie National Grassland Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$19,272
Special Uses	\$3,308
Interagency Pass	\$870
Total	\$23,451

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$16,826
Visitor Services	\$2,444
Cost of Collections	\$0
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$19,270

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

Dakota Prairie Accomplishments Continued

- Partnered with Billings County Weed Board and sprayed weeds at developed recreation sites on Little Missouri National Grassland. Purchased herbicide and dye in support of this effort.
- Mowed campgrounds and day use sites regularly and purchased a zero-turn, commercial grass mower to increase efficiency.
- Purchased and installed three-roll toilet paper holders in all restrooms.



Improved access to facilities at Hankinson Hills 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	\$1,671,968
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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