



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:

- Installed additional bear-proof food storage boxes at remote wilderness and backcountry sites.
- Supplemented funds to purchase extra herbicide and partnered with Montana Pilot's Association volunteers who treated noxious weeds at three backcountry airstrips.
- Cleared brush and fallen trees from 500 miles of Wilderness trails.
- Purchased material for a new trailhead kiosk and informational signs for Packer's Roost corrals; this site is a popular access point for outfitters and their clients for trips into Bob Marshall Wilderness.
- Provided visitor information and education to 275 groups at the remote Schafer Meadows Ranger Station and airstrip in the Great Bear Wilderness.
- Contacted and provided information on proper food storage techniques and trail conditions to over 250 groups in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Big Prairie Ranger Station.
- Provided visitor safety information and education and patrolled Canyon Creek, Skyland and Desert Mountain groomed snowmobile trails. A snowmobile ranger covered over 230 miles.
- Presented river safety and boatman training to volunteer river rangers.
- Patrolled and contacted river users along 219 miles of the Flathead Wild and Scenic River. River rangers also cleaned and maintained 25 river access sites.
- Partnered with Glacier National Park and administered Flathead Wild and Scenic River Visitor Survey.



Guided raft trip on Swan River

Special Feature

Whether it's a trail ride in a Wilderness area, raft trip on the Wild and Scenic Flathead River, or snowmobile adventure to view spectacular scenery, outfitters and guides offer visitors exciting ways to experience the outdoors. Their knowledge, skills and equipment allow visitors opportunities to enjoy areas they may not have the experience to explore on their own.



Flathead National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$114,859
Special Uses	\$196,687
Interagency Pass	\$2,910
Total	\$314,455

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$115,000
Visitor Services	\$54,154
Cost of Collections	\$18,524
Law Enforcement	\$12,000
Habitat Restoration	\$51,000
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$250,678

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

Flathead Accomplishments Continued

- Painted, repaired, maintained and purchased propane for cabins; repaired shutters and re-stained Hornet Lookout, purchased and installed a new door at Schnauss Cabin, stained and repaired fence at Ben Rover Cabin and installed a new refrigerator at Zip's Place.
- Partnered with local groups and clubs and painted outbuildings at cabin sites and improved accessibility by adding compacted gravel to pathways and around cabins.
- Renovated Star Meadow Cabin's workshop and transformed it into sleeping quarters to increase the site's capacity.
- Contracted snow removal, cleaning and fence repairs.



Devils Creek 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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