



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 maintenance tasks, provided visitor information, collected fees, and patrolled and checked compliance at campgrounds across the forest.
- Removed hazard trees at developed sites and cabins on the Townsend Ranger District.
- Completed trailhead improvements including construction of a corral system.
- Contracted beetle-killed hazard tree removal at Kading and Cromwell Dixon campgrounds and funded employees to dispose of remaining debris and clean sites before reopening campgrounds. Kading Campground had been closed for two seasons because of the beetle impact and Cromwell Dixon one.
- Supported development of partnerships with Montana Conservation Corps and local trail user groups.
- Matched grant funding and completed trail improvements on Helena Ranger District.
- Installed a stock watering tank at a Wilderness trailhead on the Lincoln Ranger District.
- Supplemented funding for trail maintenance projects in Scape Goat Wilderness.



Kading Campground Clean-up

Special Feature

Built along Deep Creek by a local physician nearly 100 years ago, Rillway Cabin offers great hiking and fishing opportunities as well as year-round vehicle access. As with many of the recreation rentals across the country, fee funds ensure it is safe, well maintained and available to the public. Major renovation work was completed in 2012: Front sill and second course logs were replaced, floor leveled, logs re-chinked and front door reset.



Helena National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$75,213
Special Uses	\$8,880
Interagency Pass	\$2,130
Total	\$86,224

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$21,491
Visitor Services	\$12,482
Cost of Collections	\$29,388
Law Enforcement	\$7,464
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$70,825

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

Helena Accomplishments Continued

- Leverage grant funding from local groups to complete various maintenance and improvement projects. Groups included: Prickly Pear Land Trust, Montana Conservation Corps, Capital City Trail Vehicle Association, Last Chance Backcountry Horseman and retired smokejumpers.



Moose Creek Cabin



Gates of the Mountains Wilderness



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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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