Forest Service Northern Region Idaho Panhandle National Forests

Recreation Program















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 renovations on Avery Creek Cabin: constructed access ramp, installed new site identification sign and purchased furniture.
- Replaced stairs, repaired chimney, reframed and painted window, and repaired screen door and signs at Little Guard Lookout.
- Replaced propane heater at Magee Ranger Station
- Landscaped grounds, maintained building and stocked outhouse at Shoshone Park Kitchens.
- Tested water to ensure safety at Avery Creek Cabin, Shoshone Park Kitchens, Magee Ranger Station and Little Guard Lookout.
- Purchased 10 new picnic tables for Priest Lake island sites.
- Removed hazard trees from recreation sites following a windstorm.
- Provided visitor information, performed compliance duties and completed maintenance tasks at developed recreation sites across the forest.
- Supported Kalispell Bay Boat Launch volunteer who contributed 370 hours.
- Completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at Lunch Peak, Deer Ridge, and Shorty Peak lookouts and Snyder Guard Station.



Removing hazard trees to ensure visitor safety.



Special Feature

Avery Creek Cabin is an exciting addition to the forest's recreation rental program. Sure to be extremely popular with fly fishermen because of its proximity to a blue-ribbon cutthroat trout stream, the cabin was originally constructed between 1926 and 1928 from a standard FS C-45 plan known as a firemen's cabin. Fee revenues funded renovations, accessibility improvements and furnishings for the cabin.



IPNF
Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$144,009
Special Uses	\$34,359
Interagency Pass	\$3,440
Total	\$181,808

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$131,700
Visitor Services	\$13,894
Cost of Collections	\$21,625
Law Enforcement	\$8,838
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$176,057

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

Idaho Panhandle Accomplishments

- Operated Emerald Creek Garnet Area; contracted excavation of a new layer of garnet-rich earth and transported that layer to the visitor dig site
- Supported host who maintained Red Ives Historic Ranger Station and grounds, provided visitor information, and managed Red Ives Ranger Cabin recreation rental.
- Supplemented advisory committee and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grants and replaced dock system that was damaged by heavy ice flows and flooding at Shadowy St. Joe Campground with a floatable truss system dock.



Shadowy St. Joe Campground's new floating docks



Mallard Larkins Pioneer Area

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A fee is charged at 20% of the developed recreation sites in the Northern Region.



Northern Region Recreation Sites						
		# Fee			# Fee	
Site Type	Total	Sites	Site Type	Total	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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