Forest Service Northern Region Kootenai National Forest

Recreation Program Fee Accomplishment Report 2012













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:

- Supported volunteer campground hosts who provided visitor information and assistance, conducted compliance checks and completed maintenance tasks.
- Purchased a new utility trailer and lawn care equipment for campground host use.
- Provided propane and firewood and pumped toilets at campgrounds, cabins and lookouts across the forest.
- Completed accessibility upgrades to water hydrants and bearresistant garbage containers.
- Repaired boat docks, water lines and various pieces of small machinery used to complete recreation maintenance tasks.
- Repainted the interior of Mt. Baldy-Buckhorn Lookout.
- Purchased new propane cook stove and refrigerator for Bull River Guard Station and mattress pads for Webb Mountain Lookout.

Cement pads improve accessibility to campground features.

Special Feature

The Cabinet National Forest, now the Kootenai and Lolo, was established in 1906 with Teddy Roosevelt's personal friend Granville Gordon in place as Ranger on the Noxon District. One of "Granny's" first projects was to build the Bull River Ranger Station. Completed in 1908 at a cost of \$477.58, this cabin is now a popular

recreation rental. In 2012, fee funds purchased a new refrigerator and ensured its exterior



received a fresh coat of sealant.

Kootenai National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

| Revenue* | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Source | Amount |
| Recreation Fees | \$185,668 |
| Special Uses | \$43,270 |
| Interagency Pass | \$1,186 |
| Total | \$230,124 |

| Expenditures | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Source | Amount |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$43,022 |
| Visitor Services | \$160,393 |
| Cost of Collections | \$0 |
| Law Enforcement | \$9,978 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$0 |
| Fee Agreements | \$0 |
| Total | \$213,393 |

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

Kootenai Accomplishments Continued

- Processed, administered and monitored 11 recreation events and 39 outfitter and guide special use permits.
- Provided portable toilets and funded local law enforcement officers for off-highway vehicle patrols during a recreation event on Lake Koocanusa.



Lake Koocanusa Bridge



Stone Hill Climbing Area



Cabinet Mountain 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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