

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Mending Fence at Bear Creek



Recreation crew hard at work on stock fencing at the Bear Creek Campground

Forest recreation crews mended and replaced the stock corral and pasture fencing at the Bear Creek Campground and Lee Metcalf Wilderness trailhead. Corrals

at this location provide temporary accommodations for the public's horses and mules. The corrals and pasture support the district's stock program by grazing eleven head of pack stock during a season of maintaining and improving wilderness and non-wilderness trails used by the public and the outfitter and guiding community.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Rental Cabin Maintenance

Rental cabins continue to be in high demand on the forest. Several cabins across the forest needed maintenance and improvement, including historic structures that help tell the story of the early days of the forest. Crews completed projects including sanding and refinishing cabin floors at Birch Creek and Horse Prairie cabins. Depending on the amount of occupancy and use, rental cabin floors may need work every few years to maintain the quality of the wood. Electricity was added to West Fork of Rock Creek rental cabin. Recreation fee funds were used to purchase wiring and electrical supplies and to hire a licensed electrician to plan and provide the labor. Forest recreation crews assisted with the layout of materials and putting the finishing touches on the project to illuminate this beautiful historic rental cabin.



The floor shines following sanding and refinishing at the Birch Creek cabin

Electricity was added to the West Fork rental cabin in 2022



Other Accomplishments

- Purchased new drills, string trimmers, hand tools, chainsaws and safety equipment.
- Maintained toilets across the forest including recaulking and painting.
- Installed rock steps in shoreline areas of Cliff and Wade Lake to rehabilitate user erosion.
- Purchased and installed matching weather resistant site markers with a clip for fee envelopes at developed campsites.
- Removed hazard trees at developed recreation sites and along trails.
- Performed trail clearing, blazing, corridor brushing, tread work and minor reroutes.
- Performed maintenance at rental cabins including window reglazing/painting, shutter repair, floorboard replacement, log daubing patching, roof and wall oiling, fence rebuilding and firewood cutting.
- Partnered with volunteers to complete campground improvements including replacing and painting benches, painting picnic tables, spreading gravel, installing new signs, installing new fire rings and rebuilding fence.
- Installed information kiosks.



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Northern Region



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Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$394,434	\$3,494,974
Special Uses	\$93,912	\$1,704,477
Interagency Passes	\$4,040	\$157,260
Total	\$492,386	\$5,356,711
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair and Maintenance	\$263,831	\$2,444,408
Visitor Services	\$32,465	\$639,827
Law Enforcement	\$14,792	\$87,907
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$136,671
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$77,299
Collections/Overhead	\$9,263	\$268,316
Total	\$320,351	\$3,654,428