



Chippewa National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

Manpower and Job Training



Remodeled exterior Stony Point Bathroom Building

During the spring of 2018, crews from NWICDC began work on the exterior of the Stony Point Campground Bathroom Facility. Crews replaced, repaired and painted siding and fascia as well as re-shingled the roof. The bathroom facility is located next to the newly remodeled shower building. Recreation fee dollars totaling approximately \$20,000 provided funding for this project.

In 2016, Forest and the Northwest Indian Community Development Center (NWICDC) entered into a participating agreement for cooperative manpower and job training work for Leech Lake Tribal members. The proposed work to be done included Forest facility repairs, maintenance and decommissioning.

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Facility Upgrades



Future look of new vault toilets in Norway Beach and West Winnie Recreation sites.

The Forest completed demolition of three toilet facilities, including the day use toilet at Norway Beach Day Use Area and two vault toilets at the West Winnie Campground Area. The Forest ordered new double vault toilets that were installed in the Fall of 2018. This project was multi-funded including approximately \$30,000 from Recreational Fees.

Other Accomplishments

- Obtained a new firewood storage trailer at Stony Point Campground.
- Installed several sets of swim buoys for campground swimming area.
- Installed a new dock at North Star Campground.
- Decommissioned wells no longer needed at West Seeyle and South Pike Bay Campgrounds.
- Removed hazardous trees throughout several campgrounds.
- Funded campground hosts and volunteers who helped maintain the Forest's 21 campgrounds.
- Hosted Youth Conservation Corp and Conservation Corp of Minnesota-Iowa crews to assist with maintenance and project work at recreation fee sites.
- Provided seasonal recreation and environmental education services.



Sunset on Leech Lake

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$375,522	\$4,924,963
Special Uses	\$1,496	\$332,869
Interagency Passes	\$6,200	\$208,659
Total	\$383,218	\$5,466,490

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$117,500	\$3,439,718
Visitor Services	\$155,109	\$1,200,987
Law Enforcement	\$6,200	\$331,407
Habitat Restoration	\$3,500	\$74,999
Fee Agreements	\$1,500	\$5,850
Collections/Overhead	\$121,479	\$573,505
Total	\$405,288	\$5,626,465

Green Mountain-Finger Lakes National Forest

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Swimming Hapgood Pond



Hapgood Pond Recreation Area new swim floats and buoy replacements.



Hapgood Pond Recreation Area is the gem of the Forest with canoeing and kayaking opportunities as well as fishing, swimming, hiking and group event possibilities. The Forest improved the swimming area by installing new swim floats and buoys, repairing electrical features in the bathhouse, and installing a new light sensor. The Forest also addressed yearly maintenance needs such as water systems testing, and repairs to toilets, showers and waterlines.

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Signs and Fresh Cut Grass

Chittenden Brook and Moosalamo Campgrounds received upgrades with the help of the Student Conservation Association who built a new kiosk sign and installed campsite markers. Recreation fee funds paid for these upgrades as well as stipends for volunteer hosts who provide on-site visitor information and help maintain the campground. Finally the campgrounds received regular mowing, which not only looks good, but improves health and safety by reducing tick exposure.



New kiosk sign design for the Chittenden Brook and Moosalamo Campgrounds.

No-Tan-Takto Trail



The Finger Lakes National Forest hiking trail.

The Forest reconstructed the No-Tan-Takto Trail, a 9 mile round-trip hiking trail that traverses through pastureland in a north/south direction between the Backbone Horse Camp and Parmenter Road. Heavy rain and storms destroyed the trail and also washed out several other major trails, which the Forest will address in future years.

Other Accomplishments

Hapgood Pond Recreation Area improvements:

- Installed new picnic tables in campground.
- Repaired host site spurs.
- Built day use area kiosk.
- Removed hazard trees from the day use and campground areas.

Additional Improvements:

- Purchased several new accessible picnic tables.
- Purchased lumber for the construction of new kiosks and replacement boards on vault toilet fascia's.
- Purchased bear proof trash bins.
- Administered 38 recreation special use permits, which included the processing of four new applications.



One of the many lakes on the Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests.

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$76,265	\$4,924,963
Special Uses	\$51,665	\$332,869
Interagency Passes	\$13,927	\$208,659
Total	\$141,858	\$5,466,490

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$31,750	\$3,439,718
Visitor Services	\$9,480	\$1,200,987
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$331,407
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$74,999
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$5,850
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$573,505
Total	\$41,230	\$5,626,465

Hiawatha National Forest

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Grand Island Recreation Area

Grand Island Recreation Area is a secluded destination located on Lake Superior. The island features breathtaking overlooks, and pristine sandy beaches. Visitors can bike and explore through the deep hard woods and inland lakes. While bears are wonderful from a distance, the Forest installed four new bear-resistant trash containers, costing \$6,520, to help reduce or eliminate their desire to visit sites.



Bear-resistant trash container

In addition, the Forest purchased a new pontoon in support of operations at the site. A storm during the fall of 2017 damaged the previous vessel beyond repair. The new vessel is custom built to better withstand severe weather on the Great Lakes and to assist with emergency barge operations if necessary. The Forest spent \$65,000 in recreational fee dollars for the new vessel.



Initial water tests of new Forest Service pontoon for Grand Island operations

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The Forest removed hazardous trees and performed routine maintenance on all campsites on Grand Island.

Other Accomplishments

Additional Accomplishments

- Performed routine maintenance on cabins and campsites (cleaned toilets, windows, floors, water samples, hazard tree removal, vault pumping, chimney cleaning, etc.).

Campsites and associated boat launches:

- Removed hazardous trees at all sites and associated boat landings and pruned low hanging branches along roads into campsites and boat launches.
- Replaced fire rings.
- Graded the roads going into dispersed sites and cabin.
- Added gravel at Chicago Lake, and Big Bass Lake.
- Replaced signing at the boat launch on Steuben Lake to encourage boaters to clean their boats in order to reduce the spread of NNIS Eurasian Watermilfoil.
- Installed new roof on toilets at East Lake and Swan Lake.
- Replaced door on toilet at Carr Lake.
- Replaced water bars by toilet at Ironjaw.
- Increased law enforcement patrols around Lyman Lake and Steuben Lake.
- Brushed along road going into Steuben Lake dispersed sites.
- Repaired wall on toilet at Swan Lake campsite.
- Repaired split rail fence at Boulder point campsite.

Tom's Lake and McKeever Lake Cabin Projects

- Performed inspections on well and cabin.
- Cut, split and hauled about 10 cords of firewood.
- Repaired wood stove door.
- Replaced old picnic tables.
- Replaced woodshed roof.



Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$89,609	\$4,924,963
Special Uses	\$5,061	\$332,869
Interagency Passes	\$10,235	\$208,659
Total	\$104,904	\$5,466,490
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$60,692	\$3,439,718
Visitor Services	\$11,201	\$1,200,987
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$331,407
Habitat Restoration	\$3,118	\$74,999
Fee Agreements	\$1,548	\$5,850
Collections/Overhead	\$6,824	\$573,505
Total	\$83,383	\$5,626,465

Hoosier National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

Better Drain on Hickory



Newly constructed gravel turnpike.

The Forest partnered with adults and youth to add 150 feet of French drain and gravel turnpike to Trail 18, part of the Hickory Ridge system. Mobilize Green, Knobstone Hiking Trail Association, and the Boy Scouts National Order of the Arrow hauled and placed materials on the trail over the course of several days. The new turnpike solves drainage issues in a low-lying section of trail and cost the Forest around \$1,100 in recreation fee funds for rip rap and plastic pipe.

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Boardwalks and Mules

Hikers, trail runners and backpackers enjoy the Grubb Ridge trail for its moderate difficulty and lake views within the Charles Deam Wilderness. The Forest improved this trail by adding 30 feet of wooden puncheon (think boardwalk) to keep visitors from trudging through mud and causing erosion. The project required \$700 of recreation fee funds, along with appropriated funding, to purchase the materials for the puncheon. To finish the project, the Forest had a mule team haul 15 tons of gravel to lay on .25 miles of connecting trail. This gravel hardens the surface tread and aids in improving the life of the trail.



New puncheon on the Grubb Ridge trail.

Other Accomplishments

- Cleared approximately 260 miles of multiple-use trail and mowed approximately 130 miles.
- Added grates to the fire rings at Saddle Lake.
- Replaced wilderness trailhead signs.
- Purchased gravel and rip rap for wet campsite at Shirley Creek campground, and purchased additional gravel for problem areas on trails.
- Patrolled multiple use trails checking for compliance of trail use rules and regulations.
- Monitored outfitter and guide field operations.



The Hoosier's mule team hauling gravel.



Treetop view from the Hickory Ridge Lookout Tower overlooking the Charles C. Deam Wilderness.

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$70,309	\$4,924,963
Special Uses	\$2,041	\$332,869
Interagency Passes	\$7,880	\$208,659
Total	\$80,231	\$5,466,490
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$64,321	\$3,439,718
Visitor Services	\$7,640	\$1,200,987
Law Enforcement	\$5,543	\$331,407
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$74,999
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$5,850
Collections/Overhead	\$7,919	\$573,505
Total	\$85,422	\$5,626,465

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Monongahela National Forest

Recreation Fee Program
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Taking Cover



The kiosk at Summit Lake Campground and Recreation Area never had a roof and was exposed to the elements for many years. The staff replaced posters every year due to weathered and faded signs. The Forest used \$1,100 in recreation fee funds to purchase material and install a roof over the kiosk. The new roof will provide protection from the elements and help reduce operations cost.

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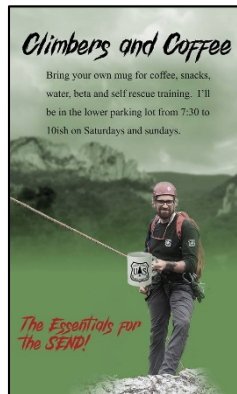


Hard Working Troop

Shoveling gravel requires hard work. Thankfully the Ohio Boy Scout Troop offered their skills and youthful energy to help the Forest by laying gravel around toilet buildings and filling in pot holes on the road at Cranberry Campground. The scouts earned credit towards their badges while the Forest improved the campground at a minimal investment of \$2,000 of recreation fee funds.



Climbers and Coffee



The climbing area at Seneca rocks had a special ranger in 2018 who not only checked special use permits, reported safety issues and hazards, and distributed climbing information, but offered a cup of Joe to weekend visitors. The ranger created a weekly morning event held each Saturday and Sunday called

“Climbers and Coffee” where he displayed gear and information, and offered that enticing cup of good hot coffee. He presented information on climbing basics, self-rescue, climbing equipment, and shared the gear and items needed for novice climbers. Visitors weekly expressed their gratitude regarding the positive experience and information shared. Recreation fee funds of \$14,000 helped pay for all of this work.

Other Accomplishments

- Staffed gatehouse at Lake Sherwood Recreation Area.
- Provided visitors with maps, pamphlets, information on recreation opportunities and rules and regulations.
- Delivered campground programs including; evening fireside programs, nature hikes, beach games for kids, and scavenger hunts.
- Maintained site including toilet pumping, trash collection and daily cleaning and litter pick-up.
- Maintained recreation site infrastructure including; stained barrier posts, installed signs, and spread sand on Lake Sherwood Beach.
- Replenished gravel at four campgrounds.
- Installed accessible campfire rings at five campgrounds.
- Refurbished a vault toilet.
- Replaced picnic tables.
- Partnered with Three Rivers Aviary to deliver a birds of prey program at Lake Sherwood.

Campground Host Reimbursements

Spent \$24,000 on reimbursement of campground hosts. Campground hosts contributed the following:

- Contributed 14,954 volunteer hours.
- Provided visitor contacts and shared rules and regulations.
- Provided litter cleanup and cleaned toilet buildings.
- Provided educational programs.
- Mowed and weeded campsites and day use areas.
- Performed trail maintenance.



Roaring Plains Waterfall

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$236,327	\$4,924,963
Special Uses	\$15,620	\$332,869
Interagency Passes	\$6,156	\$208,659
Total	\$258,103	\$5,466,490

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$185,429	\$3,439,718
Visitor Services	\$23,550	\$1,200,987
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$331,407
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$74,999
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$5,850
Collections/Overhead	\$2,471	\$573,505
Total	\$211,450	\$5,626,465

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Ottawa National Forest

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Camp Nesbit- Developing Future Conservation Leaders



For one week, 40 tribal youth and 18 counselors and interns from within the Great Lakes Indian tribes gather at the Forest’s Camp Nesbit to participate in Camp Onji-Akiing, an annual cultural outdoor residential camp.

Targeted at Native American youth in 5th to 8th grades, the camp features programs in environmental sciences, natural resources, cultural traditions and treaty rights, and problem-solving all designed to help develop the youths’ potential to become natural resource conservation leaders.

In 2018, tribal youth planted a pollinator garden; learned about forest values; practiced fishing, canoeing and archery skills; and participated in team-building activities to increase confidence and

leadership skills. The youth also attended the camp’s career fair where they talked with various resource professionals from agencies and colleges.

The Forest partners with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission to conduct Camp Onji-Akiing, which means meaning “From the Earth.” The camp has hosted nearly 400 campers over the course of 10 years. Many campers return in leadership roles, graduating from camper, to junior counselor, to counselor.

Camp Nesbit covers 30 acres and includes twelve cabins, kitchen and dining hall, recreation hall, outdoor pavilion, swimming beach, ball field, archery range, hiking trails, ropes course, and more. The camp is available to rent to schools, non-profit organizations, economically disadvantaged groups, and organizations for persons with disabilities.

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What Would We Do Without Them?



Temporary season staff operate the Sylvania Wilderness welcome station 7 days a week from May through

September. These staff handle operations and maintenance tasks as well as work within the wilderness area to ensure regulation compliance. They also completed projects such as maintaining campsites and trails, removal of invasive species, and monitoring Wilderness conditions. The Forest spent \$113,000 in recreation fees funds for this work, which helped provide an amazing recreational experience, while keeping the Sylvania Wilderness pristine.

Other Accomplishments

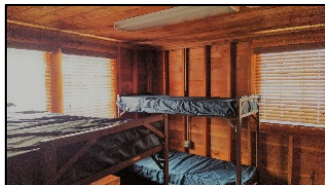
Camp Nesbit

- Conducted yearly water startup (quality checks and chlorination)
- Repaired cabin heaters
- Paid certification and inspection fees
- Purchased new phones
- Purchased tools for maintenance
- Purchased appliances for caretaker’s cabin
- Installed an archery backstop
- Purchased an installed window blinds for nurses cabin

- Installed an archery backstop at Camp Nesbit



- Purchased and installed window blinds for nurses cabin at Camp Nesbit



Additional Accomplishments

- Repaired septic system at Clark Lake
- Repaired electric utilities at Black River Harbor
- Purchased propane for various sites
- Purchased various supplies, material and equipment for various sites



Rainbow falls is located on the Congressionally designated Wild & Scenic Black River. (Photo credit-Mr.Scott Pearson)

Regional Map



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Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$109,011	\$4,924,963
Special Uses	\$7,395	\$332,869
Interagency Passes	\$4,610	\$208,659
Total	\$121,016	\$5,466,490

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$50,335	\$3,439,718
Visitor Services	\$76,552	\$1,200,987
Law Enforcement	\$700	\$331,407
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$74,999
Fee Agreements	\$2,802	\$5,850
Collections/Overhead	\$5,507	\$573,505
Total	\$135,895	\$5,626,465

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Shawnee National Forest

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Purchases for Pine at Pounds



Day use area at Pounds Hollow Recreation Area

The Forest purchased new equipment including picnic tables, fire rings, and lantern stands for the Pine Ridge Campground at Pounds Hollow Recreation Area. The Forest plans to install this equipment, which cost \$6,500, after completing campground construction that will make it more friendly to RV use. This construction includes improving the loop road and entrances to individual campsites.

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Forest Service

Better Visitor Service

The Forest provided visitor services at the highly popular Garden of the Gods and Pounds Hollow recreation areas during the busy fall season with the help of recreation fee funds. Visitor services included public contacts and daily maintenance activities. In addition, Forest Service presence enabled visitors to receive information and help as requested. Recreation fee funds also provided for additional visitor services

in an office welcome center where staff sold interagency recreation passes, and helped visitors prepare for their recreation experience.



The beach at Pounds Hollow Recreation Area

Shelter Proves a Win

The Forest had improved Pine Hills Campground in 2017 by putting in a new picnic shelter and fire ring. In 2018, visitors expressed appreciation for the additions, and the site had increased use that culminated in a busy fall season with fall-color seekers and hunters. The Forest paid the final project cost of \$12,500 for the installation of the concrete pad using recreation fee funds in 2018.

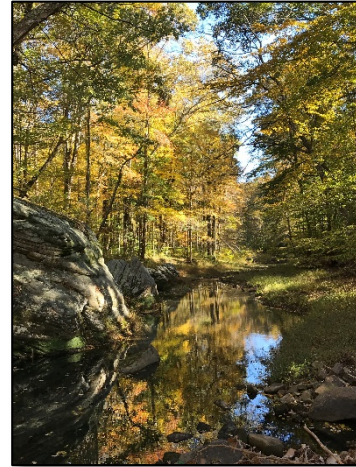


The new shelter and fire pit at Pine Hills Campground

Additional Photos



Fall colors on the River to River Trail, which traverses the Shawnee National Forest and the state of Illinois from the Mississippi River on the west to the Ohio River on the east



More fall colors along the River to River Trail



Camel Rock viewed from the observation trail at the Garden of the Gods Recreation Area - the Forest's most-visited recreation site.

Regional Map



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Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$43,937	\$4,924,963
Special Uses	\$3,471	\$332,869
Interagency Passes	\$3,100	\$208,659
Total	\$50,508	\$5,466,490
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$19,652	\$3,439,718
Visitor Services	\$17,642	\$1,200,987
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$331,407
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$74,999
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$5,850
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$573,505
Total	\$37,293	\$5,626,465

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Wayne National Forest

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Lake Vesuvius Trail Signs



New trail sign on the Lake Vesuvius Horse Trail System

The Forest partnered with the Elkins Creek Horse Club to purchase and install new trail intersection along 46 miles of the Lake Vesuvius Horse Trail System. The club's volunteers used pack animals to carry the signs and posts to 16 different intersection points. Both club members and staff installed the signs. The project cost about \$2,800 in recreation fee funds.

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A Nice Hot Shower!



Restroom and shower at Iron Ridge Campground

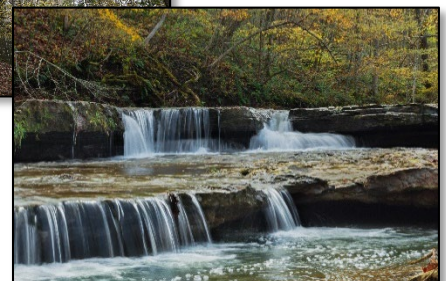
The Forest made significant plumbing repairs at the Oak Hill and Iron Ridge Campgrounds at the Lake Vesuvius Recreation Area. These repairs fixed water leaks and addressed water pressure issues. The repairs improved water lines, so that water pressure now stays high even when multiple showers run and helps to ensure the temperature stays hot.

Forest Photos

Historic Lake Vesuvius Iron Furnace



Rock bluff along Ironton District horse trail

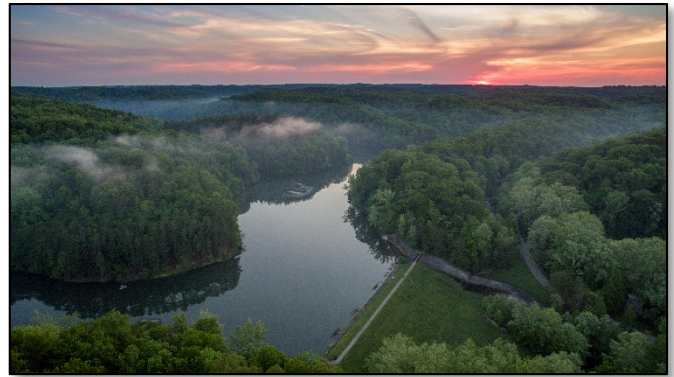


Dye Falls - Marietta Unit (Photo by Rich Jones)

Other Accomplishments

Recreation fee funds were combined with federal funding, grants and volunteers to accomplish the following projects:

- Maintained and improved approximately 100 miles of OHV and horse trails.
- Repainted two vault restrooms at Lake Vesuvius Beach and Boat Launch.
- Replaced 12 new picnic tables at Burr Oak Cove Campground.
- Mowed grass at recreational sites.
- Cleaned restrooms.
- Collected trash within recreation areas and trails.
- Removed hazardous trees.
- Improved recreation area and trail signs and kiosks.
- Provided security patrols in recreation areas and trails.
- Purchased and distributed OHV trail maps.



*Birds-eye view of Lake Vesuvius Recreation Area
(Photo by Frank Ceravalo)*

Regional Map



Freshly painted restroom at Lake Vesuvius Big Bend Beach



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Revenue & Expenditures

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Recreation Fees	\$265,981	\$4,924,963
Special Uses	\$7,431	\$332,869
Interagency Passes	\$9,060	\$208,659
Total	\$282,472	\$5,466,490

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$298,412	\$3,439,718
Visitor Services	\$3,058	\$1,200,987
Law Enforcement	\$13,250	\$331,407
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$74,999
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$5,850
Collections/Overhead	\$8,354	\$573,505
Total	\$323,074	\$5,626,465



White Mountain National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

Sabbaday Falls Safety Rails



Sabbaday Falls is one of the most popular locations on the Kancamagus Scenic Byway. The site hosts thousands of visitors each year who walk the stairs and bridges to view this picturesque cascading waterfall. The Civilian Conservation Corps built safety railings for these structures in the 1930s. After almost 90 years, the Forest needed to replace the rails to meet today's safety standards without compromising their historic character. The Forest used \$193,000 in recreation fee funds and partnered with the National Forest Foundation, who contributed \$38,000, to build new rails with metal inserts that retained the original log look.

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Upgrade at Osceola

The Forest installed a new vault toilet at Osceola, a very popular trailhead and day use site. This site accesses Mt Osceola, a fairly easy hike with excellent views of the surrounding area. The new toilet not only addresses resource concerns but provides a facility that is easier to keep clean and fresh. Recreation fees contributed \$60,000 to this project.



Capturing the Sun

Lincoln Woods is a popular day use site and trailhead providing direct access to the Pemigewasset Wilderness. The site has flush toilets and a log cabin for visitor information that depend on solar power to keep running. The Forest used about \$8,000 of recreation fee funds to install a new control panel, a battery monitor and charging station to accommodate the increased use at the site.



Other Accomplishments

- Completed routine maintenance: mowed, collected trash, cleaned restrooms, pumped vault toilets and septic tanks.
- Enhanced public safety through hazard tree removal, drinking water testing, and assisting visitors in emergency situations.
- Funded additional Forest Service law enforcement patrols.
- Removed snow at numerous trailheads to provide access for winter recreation.
- Replaced deteriorating Site Signs with signs fabricated by volunteers for Lincoln Woods, Hancock and Pemi Overlook and Zealand Recreation Area.
- Repainted parking-lot lines at numerous sites.
- Re-roofed the Rumney Rocks Toilet Building.
- Repaired the storm damaged cedar handrail at Glen Ellis Falls
- Provided interpretation at 2 historic sites (Brickett Place and Russell-Colbath Historic site)

Special Recreation Permits

- Christmas Trees - Fee revenue enabled offices to remain open for extended hours to visitors to pick up permits.
- Recreation Events – The forest hosted 14 recreation events from triathlons to hiking and bicycling events.

Visitor Information / Conservation Education

- Staffed six visitor centers and made personal contact with over 117,000 visitors.
- Presented or facilitated Conservation Education events attended by over 1000 participants through forums such as the Young Ranger Program, interpretive programs at schools and campgrounds, and guided interpretive hikes.



Rocky Gorge Day Use site along the Kancamagus Scenic Byway

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$870,524	\$4,924,963
Special Uses	\$114,688	\$332,869
Interagency Passes	\$53,641	\$208,659
Total	\$1,038,854	\$5,466,490
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,014,341	\$3,439,718
Visitor Services	\$254,977	\$1,200,987
Law Enforcement	\$62,379	\$331,407
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$74,999
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$5,850
Collections/Overhead	\$70,867	\$573,505
Total	\$1,402,564	\$5,626,465