

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Superior National Forest



## Sioux Hustler Trail

In July, the Forest experienced a wind storm that brought hundreds of trees down, mostly on the west side of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). The Sioux Hustler Trail, a 32-mile hiking trail in the BWCAW, was heavily impacted; half the trail was impassable due to fallen trees and branches. Recreation fee revenue funded the clearing of approximately 1,700 trees from the trail during the weeks after the storm. This effort was greatly appreciated by the public, as evidenced by numerous, positive comments on the scale and quality of the clean-up.



*Wilderness volunteers spent 560 hours and Forest Service staff another 360 clearing heavy windfall on the La Croix Ranger District.*

## 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 will benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value,

## Bass Lake

Focused on campsites just outside the BWCAW to help disperse visitor use, volunteers supported with recreation fee funds made improvements to primitive camping sites and the trail on Bass Lake. Broken fire grates were replaced, new latrines dug, overgrown brush and vegetation removed, and drainage structures constructed. This work made the area more accessible for campers and hikers while protecting the natural environment.



*A refurbished segment of Angle Worm Trail.*

## Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,284,605
Special Uses	\$42,446
Interagency Passes	\$5,530
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,332,581</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$762,245
Visitor Services	\$200,852
Law Enforcement	\$174,668
Habitat Restoration	\$58,221
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,195,986</b>

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

## Additional Accomplishments

- Inventoried and maintained designated campsites, removed hazard trees, restored canoe landings and tents pads, and maintained and replaced wilderness latrines and fire grates.
- Cleared brush and repaired trail tread, bridges, boardwalk and drainage structures, and rehabilitated illegal campsites.
- Inventoried, treated and provided education on invasive plants and other exotic species.
- Heritage crews conducted archaeological surveys of campsites and portages, and facilitated continued research at the Knife Lake Siltstone Quarry site complex.
- Collaborated with the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute to create the first Forest Service Wilderness Character Map.
- Collaborated with the Heart of the Continent Partnership, land management agencies, local government, local businesses, and others on a National Geographic Tourism Map project.
- Presented educational and interpretive programs at festivals, fairs, schools, and universities; and published newspaper articles and recorded interpretive radio programs and educational videos.



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## Eastern Region Map



## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$4,108,820
Special Uses	\$320,941
Interagency Passes	\$74,539
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,504,300</b>
Expenditures*	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$3,038,450
Visitor Services	\$981,938
Law Enforcement	\$280,918
Habitat Restoration	\$58,221
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$357,594
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,717,121</b>

\*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue.