

# Chippewa National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



### New Access to Norway



*A new gate and road address safety concerns for emergency egress at Norway Beach Recreation Area.*

#### *More access equals more safety ...*

The Forest installed a new gate and opened a road, connecting to pre-existing road, into the Norway Beach Recreation Area. After a 2012 wind storm toppled many trees in the area, the Forest conducted an “after-action review”, which revealed the need to have alternative access

into Norway Beach, a large recreation site. These changes improve safety for visitors by providing secondary emergency access and exit points, which had previously been blocked. Recreation fee revenue provided \$3,500 for this project.

### 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.

### A Nice Hot Shower

Stony Point Campground is on its way to getting a new shower building. The current building, shown below, has deteriorated on both the inside and out over the past several years. The Forest has drafted the plans for the new building and hopes to begin work during the summer of 2016.

Recreation fee revenue will provide about \$150,000 towards this project.



### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$401,927
Special Uses	\$675
Interagency Passes	\$3,630
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$406,232</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$196,464
Visitor Services	\$29,864
Law Enforcement	\$10,101
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$55,263
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 292,053</b>

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

## Other Accomplishments

- Installed a new hand pump at the Onegume Campground.
- Completed GIS mapping for all developed campgrounds.
- Purchased and installed entry signs for the Norway Beach Recreation Area and Knutson Dam Campground.
- Purchased a new sewer holding tank for the Knutson Dam Campground host site.
- Purchased a double vault toilet for Cass Lake Campground.
- Funded campground hosts and volunteers who helped maintain the Forest's 21 campgrounds.
- Hosted a Youth Conservation Corps group as well as a National Hispanic Environmental Council crew during the summer.
- Helped provide seasonal recreation and environmental education services.



*Fishing opener on the Chippewa*

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## Eastern Region Map



## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$4,351,556
Special Uses	\$352,626
Interagency Passes	\$99,725
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,803,908</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,414,372
Visitor Services	\$951,286
Law Enforcement	\$277,816
Habitat Restoration	\$55,400
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$259,288
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,958,162</b>

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