

Idaho Panhandle National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



Island Camping in Priest Lake



Visitors enjoy boat-in only camping at Northern Idaho's Priest Lake

Island camping at Northern Idaho's Priest Lake is a unique recreational opportunity where visitors must boat-in to their campsites. Recreation fees from the eighty campsites on Kalispell and Bartoo Islands fund site maintenance and sanitation services. Using \$42,000 of recreation fee funds, the Forest also repaired and painted many picnic tables on the islands, cleaned and hauled away ash from fire pits and painted toilet buildings to prepare the islands for the next visitors to enjoy camping under the stars.

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.

Avery Creek Cabin

A historic preservation crew replaced deteriorated log ends, roof rafters and purlins at Avery Creek Cabin, an overnight rental that enables visitors to step back in time. Revenue generated by cabin rental fees of over \$4,200 provided funding for materials, supplies and crew salary.



Preservationists use traditional methods to replace deteriorated log ends.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

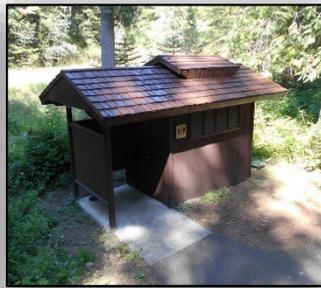
Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$157,534
Special Uses	\$33,720
Interagency Passes	\$5,200
Total	\$196,455
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$60,549
Visitor Services	\$4,583
Law Enforcement	\$4,311
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$10,549
Total	\$79,992

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

Additional Accomplishments

- Removed fallen trees and other hazards and repaired buildings after a severe windstorm at the Red Ives Historic Ranger Station compound.
- Replaced cedar shake roofs on two wooden toilet buildings.
- Removed hazard trees at 34 campgrounds.
- Cleaned, repaired and maintained facilities at 39 campgrounds and 80 boat-in-only sites.
- Pumped 27 lake-based toilets.
- Supported nine volunteer hosts who cleaned camp sites and offered visitor services.
- Cleaned and maintained nine cabin rentals.

The toilet building at the Tin Can Campground received a new cedar shake roof in 2015.



Fee revenue helps maintain nine rental cabins. This crew applies a coat of paint at Red Ives.



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Northern Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,958,177
Special Uses	\$1,023,281
Interagency Passes	\$90,964
Total	\$3,072,422
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,013,432
Visitor Services	\$789,408
Law Enforcement	\$97,983
Habitat Restoration	\$59,047
Fee Agreements	\$6,718
Cost of Collections	\$200,284
Total	\$2,166,874

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