

Custer-Gallatin National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



A Revolution at Fox Creek Cabin

The Fox Creek Cabin, located 6.5 miles up the South Cottonwood trail, is now a little more cozy thanks to \$5,300 of recreation fee funds. It received a new wood stove and chimney, and to make more efficient use of the space, had the beds re-oriented and rebuilt. To mouse proof the cabin, the Forest caulked all open seams and installed new screening. Finally, the outhouse was remodeled. It took three trips, with the

help of the Backcountry Horseman, to get all supplies to the cabin.



The interior of Fox Creek Cabin after remodel.

An Avalanche of Awareness

The Forest Avalanche Center, along with its Friends group offered 102 classes to 5,652 people of whom one-quarter were kids. Over 4559 people/groups received the daily avalanche advisory with over 59,000 YouTube video views. The center helps winter adventurers of all types be aware and

prepared for avalanche dangers.



One of many classes held by the Avalanche Center

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.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$326,015
Special Uses	\$350,401
Interagency Passes	\$16,463
Total	\$692,880
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$184,625
Visitor Services	\$297,499
Law Enforcement	\$18,768
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$49,990
Total	\$550,882

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

Additional Accomplishments

Campgrounds and Cabins:

- Supported 11 campground hosts who greeted visitors, answered questions, helped ensure visitor safety, picked up trash, cleaned facilities and connected with 10,000 visitors.
- Monitored and tested 8 water systems, removed hundreds of hazard trees and treated noxious weeds.
- Provided over 2500 cords of firewood.

Trails

- Maintained over 1,000 miles of non-motorized trails, Maintained over 800 miles of motorized summer and winter trails.
- Conducted front and backcountry patrol for

over 10,000 hours.

Winter Recreation

- Supported 27,398 skier visits at Rendezvous Ski Trails.
- Provided groomed community ski trails at Bozeman and Hyalite Canyons with the Bridger Ski Foundation.
- Groomed 5 trail systems and supplemented plowing at 20 areas.

Special Recreation Permits

- Managed and coordinated 200 outfitting and guide permits, including completing a 5 year review.
- Processed and monitored 26 recreation events.

Thanks to about 100 partners,, the Forest leverages recreation fee revenue to accomplish critical work.



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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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