



Chugach National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



Backcountry Renovations

Spending time at a remote backcountry cabin is a dream of many Alaskan visitors. Recreation fees, sometimes combined with appropriated dollars, fund regular maintenance of the cabins and also restoration when needed. In 2015, vital repairs at Hook Point and Upper Paradise cabins were completed.

At Hood Point, Forest Service employees and Student Conservation Association interns installed a new roof, deck, counters, shelves, bunks and interior wood paneling. The cabin's exterior was also stained. The project received support from the US Coast Guard who moved oversized materials by helicopter. The roof, windows, floor,

bunks, counter, wood burning stove and chimney were replaced at Upper Paradise Cabin. In addition, the interior walls and ceiling were sanded and exterior walls stained.

Work at both cabins will extend the structures' useful lives so they can continue to offer this unique opportunity for many years to come.



Sunlight pours through the window illuminating the beautiful new interior at Upper Paradise.



"Measure twice, cut once." An intern works on Hook Point Cabin maintenance projects.

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	\$208,224
Special Uses	\$193,511
Interagency Passes	\$6,955
Total	\$411,690
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$168,030
Visitor Services	\$158,908
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$27,618
Total	\$354,556

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

Additional Accomplishments

- Funded annual maintenance at 25 of 41 recreational cabins.
- Administered and monitored existing outfitter guide operations: Reissued or amended 36 outfitter and guide permits and issued six recreation event permits.
- Presented training sessions for six outfitter guide companies operating in the College Fjord-Nellie Juan Wilderness Study Area in Prince William Sound to enhance understanding and importance of wilderness values.



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Alaska Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,582,545
Special Uses	\$2,141,828
Interagency Passes	\$43,699
Total	\$3,768,072
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,019,818
Visitor Services	\$1,739,127
Law Enforcement	\$64,584
Habitat Restoration	\$71,019
Fee Agreements	\$46,244
Cost of Collections	\$310,684
Total	\$3,308,096

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