



# Chugach National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

### Cabin Fever - Critical Repairs at Three Popular Cabins



*Pigot Bay Cabin*

Pigot Bay Cabin is located in the Nellie Juan - College Fjord Wilderness Study Area. Due to the moist coastal environment, the interior walls were becoming overgrown with mold presenting a health issue. To address this, the cabin crew bleached and scrubbed the interior walls and sanded the tongue and groove ceiling before applying a fresh coat of stain. The crew also completed other deferred and annual maintenance projects. Recreation fee revenue of \$1,800 and appropriated funding of \$2,000 provided employee salary, supplies, and transportation to the cabin site.

The Swan Lake Cabin, is located on the beautiful Swan Lake. along the Resurrection Pass National Recreation Trail. Heavy use and years of deep snow required that the Forest conduct repairs in 2017. The forest replaced the roof and chimney system and built a new woodshed. Recreation fee revenues of \$8,500 matched appropriated funding of \$6,200 to make this work possible.



*Swan Lake Cabin in progress of getting a new roof and chimney system.*

The Green Island Cabin is located in Prince William Sound on the remote and very scenic Green Island. With the help of a Student Conservation Association intern, the forest tackled deferred maintenance items such as replacing the oilstove, prepping and staining the deck railing, and replacing corroded deck beam hangers. The projects took \$6,180 of recreation fee revenue of and \$1,000 of appropriated funding.

The Forest also maintained 28 other cabins, and made significant repairs on another 8 cabins.



*Green Island Cabin with newly stained deck railing*

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

## Other Accomplishments

### Outfitting and Guiding

- Administered 133 special use permits for outfitting and guiding activities
- Provided annual outfitter/guide training to companies who take clients into the Nellie Juan - College Fiord Wilderness Study Area.

### Begich, Boggs Visitor Center

- Provided interpretive education material on the variety of natural resources and answered questions about the recreation opportunities on the Chugach National Forest for 83,000 visitors.



*A view of Spencer Glacier from Spencer Bench Cabin*



*Outfitter guide gives a safety briefing to clients on Placer River near Spencer Glacier*



*Visitors see creative interpretive presentations and learn all about glaciers and Alaska's ecosystems at Begich, Boggs Visitor Center.*

## Regional Map



## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$311,675	\$3,320,035
Special Uses	\$181,861	\$2,183,312
Interagency Passes	\$16,130	\$72,691
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$509,666</b>	<b>\$5,576,039</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$156,676	\$1,679,917
Visitor Services	\$120,941	\$1,892,962
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$50,000
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$51,892	\$325,029
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$329,509</b>	<b>\$3,947,908</b>

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