



*Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.*

### Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees:

#### Developed Campgrounds and Recreation Rentals

- Completed regular maintenance and repair tasks, water system inspections, patrols, and compliance checks at eight rental cabins and six campgrounds.
- Provided visitor information services and customer assistance at five offices across the forest.
- Patrolled and checked compliance at recreation sites.
- Converted several rental cabins to a combination lock system to improve visitor convenience.
- Removed graffiti and addressed minor damage caused by pre-season vandalism.
- Replaced a few mattresses and other minor furniture pieces and equipment in rental cabins.

*Volunteers donated 200 hours to assist staff in removing debris and hazardous trees after a significant wind event at Poso Campground.*



*An outfitter and guide permittee properly tied horses to prevent damage to trees.*

### Special Feature

Elwood Cabin, a rental cabin located along the San Juan Mountains offers guests a unique high-elevation getaway in south-central Colorado. Built in 1911 by Mountain States Telephone Company as a "line shack" to support crews, the cabin served as a Forest Service station from 1950-1962 as living quarters for employees working on various projects in the area.



### Rio Grande National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

| Revenue*         |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Source           | Amount           |
| Recreation Fees  | \$64,878         |
| Special Uses     | \$61,926         |
| Interagency Pass | \$1,541          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$128,345</b> |

| Expenditures         |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Source               | Amount          |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$26,412        |
| Visitor Services     | \$31,610        |
| Cost of Collections  | \$4,726         |
| Law Enforcement      | \$12,175        |
| Habitat Restoration  | \$0             |
| Fee Agreements       | \$0             |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$74,923</b> |

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## Rio Grande Accomplishments Continued

### Outfitter and Guide Special Uses

- Processed and administered 45 outfitter and guide and special recreation event permits across the forest.
- Provided law enforcement support for visitor safety.
- Supported facilities used by outfitter and guides who provide recreation and educational opportunities on public lands to a wide range of visitors as well as facilitate opportunities for youth.



*A clean and organized outfitter and guide camp during an inspection.*



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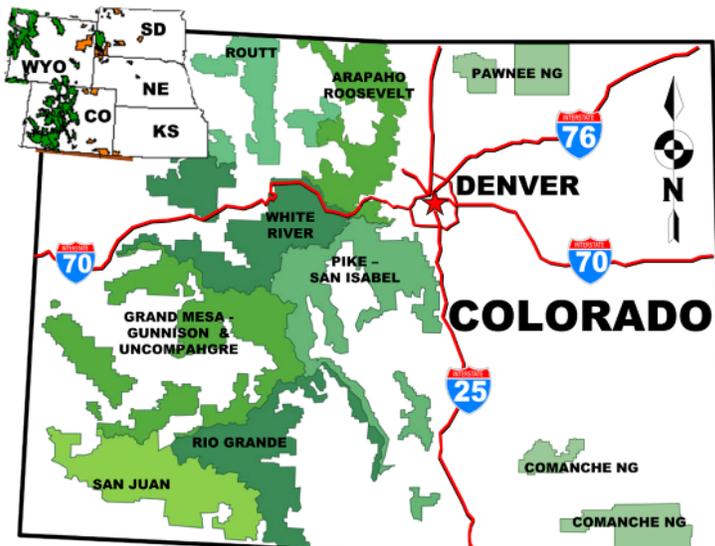
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## Rocky Mountain Region Revenue & Expenditures

### Revenue\*

| Source           | Amount             |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Recreation Fees  | \$2,413,022        |
| Special Uses     | \$2,051,601        |
| Interagency Pass | \$237,731          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$4,702,354</b> |

### Expenditures

| Source               | Amount             |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Maintenance & Repair | \$1,383,152        |
| Visitor Services     | \$1,900,830        |
| Cost of Collections  | \$427,824          |
| Law Enforcement      | \$263,840          |
| Habitat Restoration  | \$41,120           |
| Fee Agreements       | \$55,145           |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$4,071,913</b> |

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