



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, Day Use Sites and Recreation Rentals

- Provided 150 days of visitor information services at Maroon Bells facilities using seasonal employees and volunteers.
- Installed new batteries, charge controller and an energy use data monitoring system for the solar-powered welcome station.
- Provided operations and maintenance at all fee campgrounds.
- Provided new entry kiosks, interpretive kiosks, a stock hitching rail, an accessible concrete pad for a toilet, drainage system and trail repair, noxious weed treatment, and grass seeding at various campgrounds.
- Supported public bus transportation service to the Maroon Valley.
- Funded trail grooming, free visitor maps, signage of motorized and non-motorized trails, parking lot management and snow removal, visitor information services, backcountry monitoring, separation of use and enforcement by Forest Service rangers at Vail Pass Winter Recreation Area.
- Funded a new vault toilet at Prairie Point Campground and the materials and construction of six three-panel kiosks.
- Installed three new three-panel kiosks; reconstructed five campsites with new site features; installed two new entry signs; completed maintenance and repair tasks of site features and grounds upkeep; and supported a camp host program at Eagle/Holy Cross facilities.
- Replaced perimeter fence and completed a level, gravel living space area with picnic table and fire ring at Piney Guard Station rental cabin.



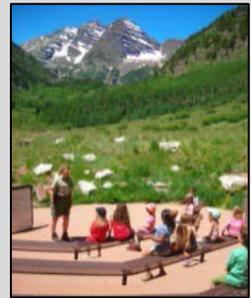
The Vail Pass Winter Recreation Area crew takes a moment to pose for the camera at over 10,500 feet above sea level.



It's dawn at Vail Pass Winter Recreation Area and recreation fees are already at work grooming the trails for another day.

Special Feature

The internationally renowned Maroon Bells on the Aspen/Sopris Ranger District is a magical setting enjoyed by people of all ages. An amphitheater on site offers a perfect place for Forest Service employees to provide interpretive talks to groups of school children. The amphitheater is also a popular destination for weddings, family gatherings or simply a place to sit and rest while taking in the sights and sounds of such a spectacular area.



White River National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$476,607
Special Uses	\$478,746
Interagency Pass	\$30,781
Total	\$986,134

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$195,754
Visitor Services	\$440,771
Cost of Collections	\$57,984
Law Enforcement	\$54,991
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreement	\$55,145
Total	\$804,644

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

White River Accomplishments Continued

Outfitter and Guide and Recreation Event Special Uses

- Administered 137 outfitter/guide permits.
- Issued and/or administered 37 recreation event special use permits.
- Conducted routine trail maintenance on approximately 126 miles of trail and leveraged funds by working with multiple partners who completed several heavy trail maintenance and trail improvement projects to improve safety and the quality of experiences for permittees, their clients and the public.
- Provided crosscut saw training to Rocky Mountain Youth Corps for trail clearing on wilderness trails and to train and supervise two Student Conservation Association interns for the wilderness/trails program.
- Funded an employee for monitoring and management of a unique winter back-country skiing/snowmobiling area adjacent to Aspen Mountain called Richmond Ridge. This employee worked to support the permitted snow cat skiing operation and permitted non-motorized back country ski outfitters as well as the general public.



The 2012 Pro Challenge Race topped out on Independence Pass and generated millions of dollars to local economies.



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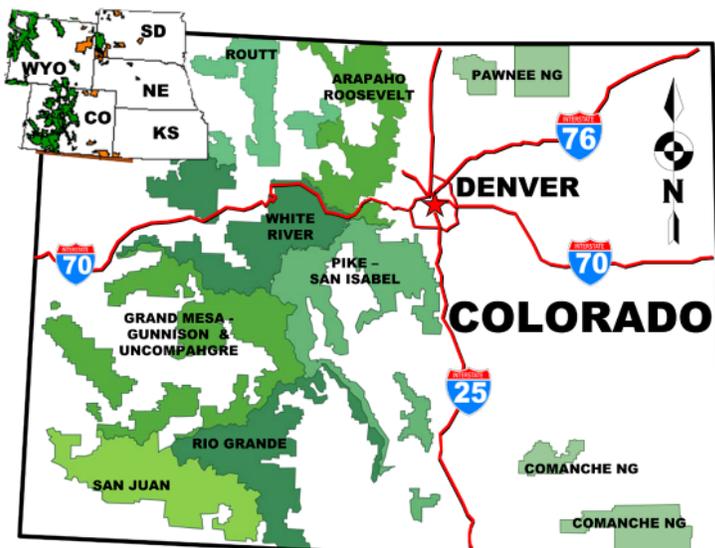
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Rocky Mountain Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$2,413,022
Special Uses	\$2,051,601
Interagency Pass	\$237,731
Total	\$4,702,354

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
Total	\$4,071,913

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