

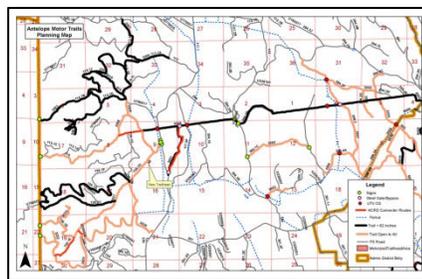


Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees:

Motorized Trails

- Maintained over 264 miles of motorized trails: removed trees fallen across the trail, cleared brush and maintained trail tread.
- Improved or reconstructed over three miles of trail to mitigate resource issues and enhance user experience.
- Provided information and education on the motorized trail system at district offices, numerous recreation events and the Northern Plains Outdoor Expo show in Rapid City, South Dakota.
- Installed new trail system regulatory, directional and stop signs.
- Conducted law enforcement patrols and provided information and education on the trail system and at developed recreation sites.
- Constructed and installed three off-highway vehicle (OHV) information signs at trailheads on the Northern Hills Ranger District.
- Installed coverings to protect two cultural resource sites on the Northern Hills Ranger District's system.
- Installed 12 OHV cattleguards and 13 gates with motorized trail signing to manage seasonal use of the motorized trail system on the Hell Canyon and Mystic Ranger Districts.
- Completed an inventory of existing conditions and mapped trail improvements on the Antelope Trail system. The inventory will be used in future years to prioritize maintenance and improvement activities.
- Supplemented other funds and prepared and printed a motorized trail map.
- Funded use and maintenance of the trail dozer and single-track trail building machine.
- Organized and supervised volunteers who contributed over 440 hours of work on trail systems with an estimated value of over \$9,600.
- Completed environmental reviews to alleviate resource impacts and increase number of trail miles available to the recreating public.



Inventoried and mapped the Antelope Trail system.

Special Feature

Along with the natural beauty you'll find everywhere in the Black Hills, the area offers an array of motorized trails to enjoy. In 2013, the forest again leveraged grant funding from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Recreational Trails Program to maintain and improve its 575-mile system. Work completed will expand the system of single-track motorcycle and ATV/UTV trails and challenging rock crawler routes to over 630 miles in 2014.



**Black Hills National Forest
 Revenue & Expenditures**

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$287,936
Special Uses	\$45,827
Interagency Pass	\$7,740
Total	\$341,503

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$150,906
Visitor Services	\$30,071
Cost of Collections	\$17,304
Law Enforcement	\$17,304
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$215,585

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

Additional Black Hills Accomplishments

Christmas Tree Program

- Funded office staff, administered vendor sales, and conducted field patrols from mid-November until Christmas to support the popular Christmas tree program. A total of 3,807 Christmas tree tags were purchased in 2013.

Developed Sites and Recreation Rentals

- Maintained and operated four campgrounds during the summer season and ten during the shoulder season from September 10 through May 10.
- Cleaned, resupplied and maintained grounds at Summit Ridge Lookout Cabin.

Recreation Events/Outfitter & Guides

- Administered and monitored 52 recreation event and 23 outfitter and guide special use permits.

Heading home with the perfect Christmas tree.



Participants in the Dakota Five-O recreation event.

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Rocky Mountain Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$2,533,081
Special Uses	\$2,084,260
Interagency Pass	\$155,831
Total	\$4,773,172

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,456,098
Visitor Services	\$1,912,759
Cost of Collections	\$493,835
Law Enforcement	\$273,377
Habitat Restoration	\$42,652
Fee Agreements	\$28,395
Total	\$4,207,116

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