



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:

Campgrounds, Recreation Rentals and Trails

- Launched the 'Welcome Back Campaign' to inform the public of recreation opportunities once again available after extensive restoration efforts were completed at sites impacted by the mountain pine beetle epidemic:
 - Re-opened three campgrounds closed for multiple years due to bark beetle-related hazard trees.
 - Replaced 270 picnic table top planks and installed 12 new tables.
 - Added and leveled gravel throughout five campgrounds
 - Replaced 34 fire rings with accessible ones.
 - Built a quarter mile of mile buck and rail fence around a campground.
 - Continued reforestation in campgrounds.
- Replaced a bathroom at a recreation rental.
- Installed a new wellhead and re-established drinking water in a campground.
- Installed 85 vent covers on toilet building stacks to prevent birds from becoming trapped in them.
- Repaired 200 feet of retaining wall on the accessible Overlook Trail in Fish Creek Falls Recreation Area.
- Supported volunteer hosts in campgrounds who donated over 2,500 hours.



Replanted trees in areas denuded by mountain pine beetles.

Special Feature

In partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Trout Unlimited, the Hahns Peak Lake Shoreline Trail was completed in 2013. Support from local donors, volunteers from Smartwool, and recreation fee funds ensured this quarter mile accessible trail linked the campground to terrific fishing opportunities in Hahns Peak Lake. The trail saw plenty of use in August when a Wounded Warrior campout and fish event was hosted by Steamboat Adaptive Sports.



Medicine Bow-Routt, Thunder Basin and Buffalo Gap

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$640,552
Special Uses	\$180,981
Interagency Pass	\$23,268
Total	\$844,801

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$339,439
Visitor Services	\$198,357
Cost of Collections	\$79,555
Law Enforcement	\$42,857
Habitat Restoration	\$4,099
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$664,307

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

Additional Medicine Bow-Routt, Thunder Basin and Buffalo Gap Accomplishments

Outfitter and Guides and Recreation Events

- Administered outfitter and guide special use permits and worked with permit holders to make necessary changes and updates.
- Processed and administered more than 30 recreation events and monitored their effects.
- Patrolled several permit areas to assure Forest permit holder and visitor compliance with closure orders.
- Assisted Forest law enforcement staff with investigation of illegal outfitter and guide operations.

Partnership Highlights

- Leveraged agreements with the Wyoming Conservation Corps, Montana Conservation Corps and Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and completed maintenance, rehabilitation and construction projects at several fee sites.
- Continued environmental education and outreach partnership with non-profit Yampatika.



Participants in a recreation event on Rabbit Ears Pass.



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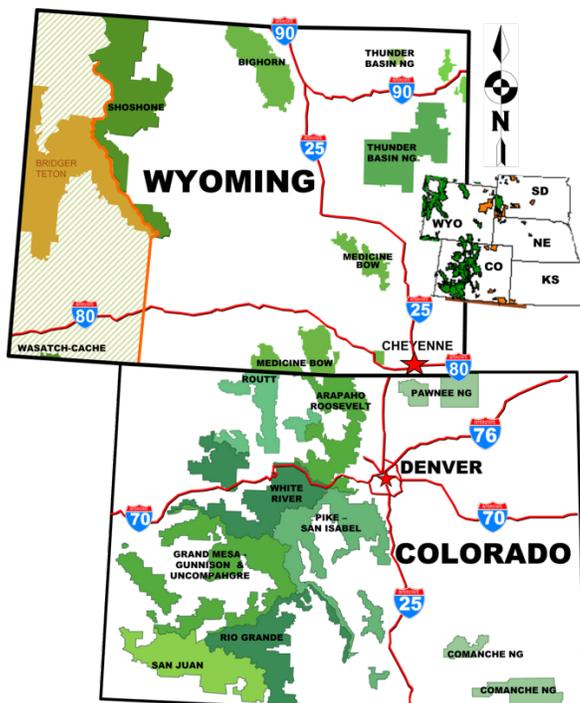
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Rocky Mountain Region Revenue & Expenditures



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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