



*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 Recreation and Interpretive Sites**

- Maintained and cleaned campgrounds, camping areas, horse camps, picnic sites, a research and education center and lookout tower.
- Partially funded contracts for garbage collection, restroom vault pumping, and water testing.
- Supplemented funds for four summer employees' salaries who cleaned, maintained and checked compliance at Bessey Ranger District sites and one employee on Pine Ridge Ranger District.
- Contributed funding for Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center operations:
  - Conducted site tours and fire side talks at area campgrounds.
  - Led guided hikes.
  - Hosted a Passport-In-Time project.
  - Partnered with an AmeriCorps Crew who completed vegetation management around the site.



*A guided group led by Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center employees visit Toadstool Geologic Park.*

**Special Feature**

A visit to the bison kill site at the Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center is a visit to a modern archeological excavation in progress. Interpretive exhibits and guided tours help visitors understand the importance of this discovery and encourage them to develop their own theories about how the bison met their fate. Fee revenue is key to meeting the Center's operation and maintenance costs.



**Nebraska National Forest  
Revenue & Expenditures**

<b>Revenue*</b>	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$43,439
Special Uses	\$507
Interagency Pass	\$5,147
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,093</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$18,493
Visitor Services	\$11,569
Cost of Collections	\$7,900
Law Enforcement	\$5,886
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,848</b>

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

## Additional Nebraska Accomplishments

### Outfitter and Guide Special Uses

- Administered recreation event special use permits for endurance and adventure races on the Pine Ridge Ranger District.



*A Passport In Time volunteer holds a fossil found near the Center.*



*The Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center AmeriCorps crew.*



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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,773,172</b>

#### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,207,116</b>

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