

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Kootenai National Forest



## Developed Recreation

Nearly 32 campgrounds, 13 cabin/lookout rentals and numerous other recreation sites and services benefited from recreation fee revenue.

- Maintained sites and provided services such as mowing, collecting trash, cleaning, pumping toilets and septic tanks, and providing utilities.
- Increased safety by removing hazard trees and limbs, testing drinking water, repairing propane lines and leveling camp sites to prevent tripping.
- Removed downed trees after a powerful microburst hit the Yaak River Campground trapping some campers.
- Helped provide additional law enforcement patrols, both Forest Service and in cooperation with county agencies, for public safety and assistance in heavily used areas.



*Microburst damage at Yaak River campground.*

## Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations will benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

## Special Uses

- Maintained or improved sites used by outfitters and guides. Ensures guides follow the terms of their permits and that illegal guiding does not occur. Outfitters and guides provide many opportunities on the Forest such as rock climbing, hunting and fishing.
- Provided administration for several recreation events including:
  - Scenic Tour of the Kootenai River, a two day bike ride with 450 participants who while riding, enjoy the beauty of the Kootenai and Yaak Valleys.
  - Penco Days, an OHV event along the Koochusa Reservoir during low water. This event attracts up to 1600 spectators and racers for the weekend.

## Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$200,103
Special Uses	\$45,126
Interagency Passes	\$1,560
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$246,809</b>
Expenditures*	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$65,458
Visitor Services	\$220,713
Law Enforcement	\$10,776
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$296,947</b>

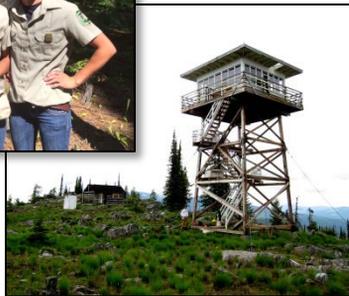
\*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue.

## Volunteers and Partners

- Supported volunteers, such as campground hosts, who provide visitors with pertinent information about area attractions, appropriate use of public lands and instill an appreciation for the area's natural and cultural history.
- Supported volunteers who monitor sites and help maintain recreation sites through services such as trash collection, cleaning, and litter pick-up.
- Partnered with multiple groups, organizations and volunteers, leveraging an additional \$600,000 to fund projects such as campground hosts, Garver Mountain Lookout painting and weed control.



Seasonal workers and volunteers are critical to completing yearly tasks.



Scenic tour of the Kootenai River.

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### Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,685,135
Special Uses	\$1,057,405
Interagency Passes	\$42,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,784,753</b>

Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,149,720
Visitor Services	\$848,621
Law Enforcement	\$100,372
Habitat Restoration	\$73,367
Fee Agreements	\$53,544
Cost of Collections	\$190,126
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,415,749</b>

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

## Northern Region Map

