

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Ozark-St. Francis National Forest

Forest Service



## Shores Lake Boat Ramp



The Shores Lake boat ramp was in desperate need of repair. The ramp was pot-holed and its edges crumbling, resulting in problems for boaters and anglers. Recreation fee revenue combined with State Fish and Game

funding allowed the ramp to be replaced in 2014. Leveraging fee dollars with grant monies resulted in a wider, longer ramp and an extension to the season of use to include times when lake levels are low. Now boaters can enjoy more time on the water and less time worrying about unloading and loading.



## 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.

## Roof Replacement

During a severe December wind and ice storm, a large portion of the bathhouse roof at Horsehead Recreation Area was damaged. Once the storm cleared, it was found that many shingles were missing. Using fee revenue to cover material and labor costs, employees of the Pleasant Hill Ranger District removed the remaining shingles and installed a new metal roof. In addition, new playground equipment was installed and sand added to the swim beach, thereby improving the site's overall condition and appeal.



## Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$660,574
Special Uses	\$12,400
Interagency Passes	\$6,016
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$678,990</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$96,274
Visitor Services	\$428,877
Law Enforcement	\$18,825
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$83,495
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$627,470</b>

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

## Maintaining Quality Water

Long Pool Recreation Area includes one of the premier campgrounds on the forest. Ideally situated in close proximity to many recreation opportunities; motorized and hiking trails and also canoeing on the Big Piney Wild and Scenic River. In 2014, approximately \$50,000 in fee revenue was used to make significant improvements to the recreation area's water system, specifically, the installation of a new water tank. Now the area can provide visitors with safe and reliable drinking water as well as fun activities in a beautiful setting.



## Southern Region Maps



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## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,373,184
Special Uses	\$1,209,474
Interagency Passes	\$118,320
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,700,978</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,989,435
Visitor Services	\$1,355,389
Law Enforcement	\$213,554
Habitat Restoration	\$4,580
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$872,295
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,435,253</b>

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