

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Colville National Forest



Snow Peak Cabin

Snow Peak Cabin is located at about 6,400 feet in Washington state's Kettle mountain range. It provides a year-round base camp from which guests can access thousands of acres of backcountry for skiing, hunting and other adventures.

With no road to access the cabin, stocking the popular cabin with firewood takes a little innovation and the help of approximately \$8,000 of recreation fee revenue. These funds purchased five hours of helicopter flight time to sling load about seven

cords of firewood to the cabin. This is enough to last the year and into the next and provide visitors with a warm fire after a long day. In addition the funds help pay for a Northwest Youth Corps to hike in and stack the firewood.



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.

Bead Lake



It is not often that you find a host at a boat launch, but given the unique attributes of Bead Lake, which is extremely clear and at 720 acres is the largest lake in Pend Oreille County, a host staffs the site from May through September.

The host keeps the launch and other facilities clean and stocked, and ensures boats are cleaned before launching to prevent the spread of invasive species. Recreation fee revenue of approximately \$2,500 paid for sign repairs, parking area restriping, removal of 10 hazard trees and hand pulling of a half-acre of noxious weeds at the Bead Lake.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$35,322
Special Uses	\$2,306
Interagency Passes	\$6,028
Total	\$43,656
Expenditures*	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$52,939
Visitor Services	\$1,074
Law Enforcement	\$1,944
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$3,610
Total	\$59,567

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenue.

Additional Accomplishments

Developed Recreation

- Extended the operational season by 43 days at seven campgrounds to provide service during the early fall hunting season. This included hauling garbage, and cleaning and restocking outhouses and campsites on a weekly basis.

Partnerships

- Supported an on-going partnership with the Curlew Job Corps Forestry Program. Students removed hazard trees, cleared trails around Swan Lake Recreation Area, cleaned campsites and cut firewood for the Swan Lake Mountain Bike Festival.
- Partnered with local community volunteers and merchants and hosted the 22nd Annual Swan Lake Mountain Bike Festival. The event included organized rides, camping, and an evening interpretive program.

Recreation Special Uses

- Processed, administered and monitored recreation event special use permits for the Tiger Triathlon, Colville Driftrider's and Selkirk Trailblazer's snowmobile events and the Ferry County Backcountry Horsemen Trail Ride.



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Pacific Northwest Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$8,093,920
Special Uses	\$860,137
Interagency Passes	\$588,744
Total	\$9,542,801
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$3,846,901
Visitor Services	\$2,659,639
Law Enforcement	\$392,687
Habitat Restoration	\$47,878
Fee Agreements	\$30,384
Cost of Collections	\$788,698
Total	\$7,766,187

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