

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Bridger-Teton National Forest

Forest Service



Sherman Guard Station

Originally the headquarters for the Teton Division of the Yellowstone Forest Reserve, the Sherman Guard Station will soon be available for rent thanks to the energy of a volunteer in 2014. The volunteer spent the summer overhauling the bathroom, removing damaged flooring and walls and replacing them with new. New trim and doors were installed and the entire bunkhouse re-plumbed. A new propane refrigerator and a new heater were purchased and installed as well. Repairs weren't

confined to the bunkhouse, maintenance and repair work was completed on the main cabin as well as landscaping and general grounds clean-up. Approximately \$10,000 in recreation fees funded this work.



New flooring in the bunkhouse

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.

River Recreation

Partially funded five full-time summer employees and one volunteer who staffed the heavily used Snake River corridor sites daily. River personnel:

- Maintained facilities,
- Completed signing and facility improvement projects,
- Educated visitors about river safety and responsibilities,
- Provided information on prevention of invasive aquatic species spread, and
- Managed the group use permit program.



A river ranger talks with a student group before their float trip.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$103,330
Special Uses	\$664,514
Interagency Passes	\$2,230
Total	\$770,074
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$139,852
Visitor Services	\$338,838
Law Enforcement	\$44,539
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$9,441
Total	\$532,670

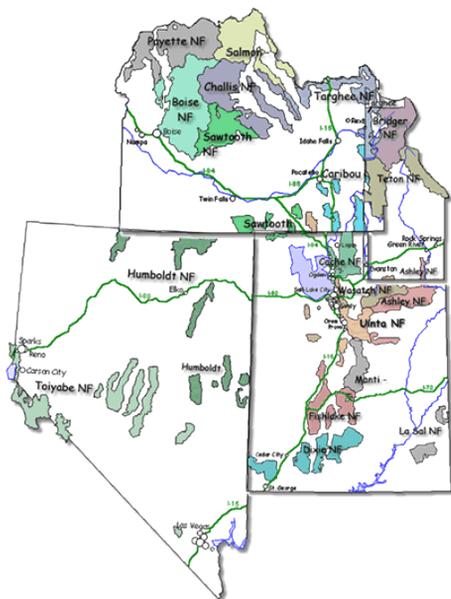
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Wilderness and Trails

- Funded 19 full-time employees, partially funded five, and supported 27 volunteers.
- Maintained over 1,096 miles of trails: cleared fallen trees and brush, re-dug drainage ditches, and improved tread.
- Monitored water quality of five lakes located throughout the Teton Wilderness.
- Performed stewardship work in three wilderness areas; contacted visitors and collected use data, maintained trails, monitored campsites, mapped noxious weed areas, and inspected outfitter and guide sites.
- Partnered with the Wilderness Society and Greater Yellowstone Coalition Committee and installed six meat/storage poles in the Teton Wilderness.
- Staffed Hawks Rest Patrol Camp and Fox Park Patrol Cabin with volunteers who provided information to wilderness visitors on food storage compliance, wilderness travel and forest regulations. They also cleared trails, cleaned campsites, sprayed noxious weeds, maintained patrol cabins and inspected summer outfitter camps.



Intermountain Region Map



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Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$3,023,085
Special Uses	\$2,045,468
Interagency Passes	\$245,811
Total	\$5,314,364
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,565,660
Visitor Services	\$2,351,117
Law Enforcement	\$319,218
Habitat Restoration	\$76,301
Fee Agreements	\$54,369
Cost of Collections	\$373,622
Total	\$4,470,286

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