

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Intermountain Regional Office

Forest Service



## Summer Trails Assessment

In 2014, the Bridger-Teton National Forest initiated a project to guide future planning and management efforts for summer trails on Jackson and Greys River ranger districts. Armed with \$15,000 in recreation revenue from the Regional Office and a cadre of volunteers, surveys were completed and presentations made to groups such as Backcountry Horsemen, Friends of Pathways, and Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance. The assessment has already been used to frame initial conversations about trail projects in the Greater

Snow King area, an area that has broad public interest. Remaining funds will be used in 2015 to focus on Greys River trails.



*Trail assessment volunteers head out for the day on the Jackson Ranger District.*

## 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.

## Volunteers and Partners

- Funded new interpretive signs and exhibits at the Mesa Falls Visitor Center, Caribou-Targhee National Forest. New exhibits are accessible, easy to maintain and very popular with visitors.
- Purchased five bear-proof food storage lockers for guard stations and campgrounds on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.



## Forest Revenue & Expenditures

| Revenue              | Amount           |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Recreation Fees      | \$0              |
| Special Uses         | \$0              |
| Interagency Passes   | \$0              |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$0</b>       |
| Expenditures*        | Amount           |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$101,634        |
| Visitor Services     | \$196,751        |
| Law Enforcement      | \$0              |
| Habitat Restoration  | \$0              |
| Fee Agreements       | \$0              |
| Cost of Collections  | \$0              |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$298,385</b> |

\*Regional office funds represent 5% of the total fee revenue receipts. Funds are for administration and project grants.

## Recreation Rentals

It's no surprise that the recreation rental program continues to be very popular with visitors to the forests of the Intermountain Region. With so many beautiful locations and access to terrific recreation opportunities, visitors may have a hard time choosing. Recreation fees continue to support and help expand the program. A Regional fee revenue grant in the amount of \$10,000 was used by the Ashley National Forest to contract removal of lead-based paint at Paradise Guard Station. After repainting, it was used as a warming hut during the winter and became available to rent in spring 2015. Stolle Meadows Guard Station on the Boise received a Regional grant of \$12,000 for accessibility upgrades as well as vital repairs and replacements. Both these cabins and many others are available online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).



Paradise Guard Station



## Contacts

### Intermountain Region

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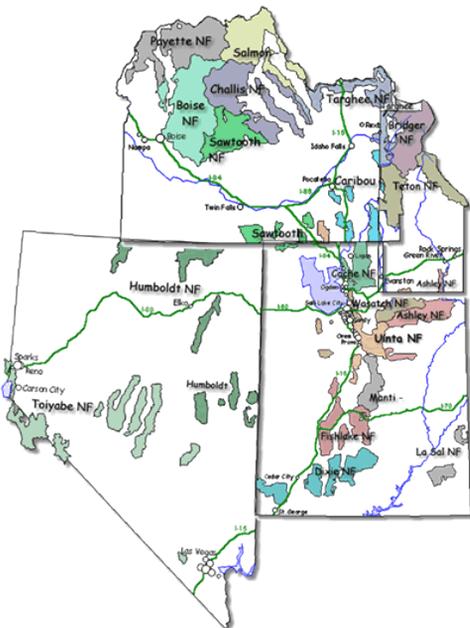
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## Intermountain Region Map



## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

| Revenue*             | Amount             |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Recreation Fees      | \$3,023,085        |
| Special Uses         | \$2,045,468        |
| Interagency Passes   | \$245,811          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$5,314,364</b> |
| 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          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$4,470,286</b> |

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