



Forest Service
Intermountain Region
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache
National Forest

2009



Accomplishment Report

Recreation Fee Program



Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use and value.

Accomplishments provided with recreation fees on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest:

American Fork Canyon-Alpine Loop Recreation Area:

- Partnered with Timpanogos Cave National Monument (National Park Service):
 - Produced *Timpanogos Reflections* visitor guide.
 - Supported interpretive evening programs and cave tour operations.
 - Funded interpretive programs at Cascade Springs.
 - Helped fund infrastructure improvements.
- Partnered with Utah County through support to Search and Rescue and Timpanogos Emergency Rescue Team (TERT).
- Partnered with Utah Department of Transportation in managing the Alpine Loop road. Specifically, placed boundary rocks and completed American Fork River stream bank stabilization projects.
- Partnered with Wasatch Mountain State Park, and Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation, to provide grooming on 35 miles of snowmobile trails in American Fork Canyon - Alpine Loop Recreation Area and provide a host site for shared campground host.
- Funded enforcement patrols throughout the Recreation Fee Area.
- Began construction of Little Mill Campground Pavilion.



Construction begins on Little Mill Campground Pavilion

Volunteers install barriers to close illegal routes



Special Feature

Campground interpretive programs are popular with the recreating public. In partnership with American Land & Leisure, REA funds were used to support volunteers who presented programs at the Mirror Lake Amphitheater during 2009. Funds were also used to purchase generator gasoline and print program fliers.



Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF Recreation Fee Program Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Fees	\$188,122
Recreation Fees	\$1,078,644
Special Uses	\$72,624
Total	\$1,339,390

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$395,143
Visitor Services	\$508,060
Law Enforcement	\$85,098
Cost of Collections	\$205,411
Habitat Restoration	\$10,000
Fee Agreements	\$26,500
Total	\$1,230,211

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

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Accomplishments continued:

American Fork Canyon-Alpine Loop Recreation Area:

- Partnered with Utah County Law Enforcement to increase patrols in American Fork Canyon and along the Alpine Scenic Loop.
- Began reconstruction of Echo Picnic Area.
- Initiated Interpretive Plan for American Fork Canyon-Alpine Loop Recreation Area.
- Implemented Phase 1 of Theater-in-the-Pines Amphitheater rehabilitation.
- Resurfaced the Upper and Lower Cascade Springs parking lots.
- Improved road, trail and recreation site signing.
- Maintained 90 miles of motorized, equestrian, hiking, and biking trails.
- Realigned 3.5 miles of trail on Upper Mill Canyon and Tibble Fork trails.
- Leveraged fee dollars with volunteer labor to close illegal routes and reconstruct trail sections.
- Funded wilderness rangers for visitor contacts and trail clearing in the Mt. Timpanogos and Lone Peak Wilderness Areas.
- Cleaned and maintained toilets within the Recreation Fee Area.



*Theater-in-the-Pines
Amphitheater rehabilitation*

Mirror Lake Scenic Byway Corridor:

- Supported additional staffing at visitor information sites and answered thousands of visitor questions during the busy spring and summer seasons and also during the fall hunting season at Heber-Kamas Ranger District and Bear River Ranger District.
- Partnered with American Land & Leisure and the Department of Wildlife Resources to replace 13 old campground dumpsters with bear-proof ones.
- Partnered with the Summit County Sheriff's Department to increase patrols in the Mirror Lake Recreation Area.
- Partnered with the Student Conservation Association (SCA):
 - Completed Yellow Pine Trail improvement project: constructed rock drainage structures and turnpike on over 1000 feet of trail.
 - Hired two Wilderness Rangers who made hundreds of public contacts and educated visitors in "Leave No Trace" principles in the High Uinta Wilderness Area.
- Cleaned, maintained and pumped toilets along the Mirror Lake Highway throughout the year.
- Funded two employees who made one-on-one contacts and educated visitors about bear safety.
- Made thousands of public contacts, provided visitor education, and ensured compliance on motorized trails in Spring Canyon, Murdock Basin, Taylor's Fork, Soapstone, Upper Setting.
- Staffed the Motorized Trail Education trailer at special events and weekends.
- Funded staff to patrol and monitor three major bike racing events.
- Repaired free-use wildlife viewing telescope at Mirror Lake Angler Parking Area.
- Installed large barrier rocks at dispersed camping site for resource protection.
- Printed and began distributing 50,000 *Mirror Lake Scenic Byway Visitor Guide* brochures.
- Supported Law Enforcement Officer by purchasing supplies for search and rescue operations and accident scene response.



New bear-proof dumpster



*Before and after photos of
Yellow Pine Trail*



SCA and FS trail crew

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Accomplishments continued:

Mirror Lake Scenic Byway Corridor continued:

- Partnered with Utah Department of Transportation for winter plowing of 15 parking lots to allow safe access for winter recreation enthusiasts.
 - Plowed and maintained the snowpark in the Moosehorn Day Use Area four times each week.
 - Partnered with Utah Department of Parks and Recreation and Wyoming Recreation Trail Funds and groomed over 90 miles of snowmobile trails: most trails were groomed at least weekly; however 19 miles were groomed four times a week.
 - Groomed Beaver Creek and Lily Lake cross-country ski trails for a total of 38 miles at least weekly.
 - Maintained and staffed winter warming huts at Mirror Lake and Whitney Reservoir guard stations.
 - Maintained five winter yurts and kept them stocked with firewood and propane.



Trail grooming

Projects Planned for 2010

American Fork Canyon-Alpine Loop Recreation Area

- Continue to operate and maintain developed and dispersed sites, trailheads, and winter recreation facilities, and patrol Wilderness and backcountry trails.
- Work with Utah Department of Transportation to reduce hazard trees and place barrier rocks along the SR-92 corridor in American Fork Canyon.
- Continue to support partnerships with the National Park Service, Utah County Sheriffs, Wasatch Mountain State Park, and Timpanogos Emergency Response Team.
- Complete and begin implementation of the interpretive plan for the American Fork Canyon-Alpine Loop Recreation Area: install kiosks at Tibble Fork Reservoir, Alpine Summit Trailhead, and Lower Mill Canyon Trailhead.
- Continue support to interpretive programs and operations at Timpanogos Cave National Monument.
- Initiate the Timpooneke Trailhead Project, which includes identifying and marking main trails, installing an interpretive kiosk, and re-vegetating multiple user-made trails.
- Complete Lower Mill Canyon Trailhead construction and install trail access bridge.
- Begin re-routes on Mud Springs, Ridge, and East Ridge trails.
- Continue improvement to existing dispersed campsites along the North Fork corridor above Tibble Fork Reservoir.
- Complete Echo Picnic Area reconstruction.
- Widen and resurface the upper loop of Cascade Springs Interpretive Trail.
- Begin Phase II of the Theater-in-the-Pines Amphitheater Rehabilitation Project.
- Begin Phase I of the Snake Creek Road (FR 085) Improvement Project in partnership with Utah Department of Transportation.



Whitney warming hut



Echo Picnic Area reconstruction



Projects Planned for 2010

Mirror Lake Scenic Byway Corridor:

- Continue partnerships with the Bear River Outdoor Recreation Alliance and Evanston Youth Alternative Home Association and complete winter and summer trail maintenance and grooming tasks in Wyoming and on the North Slope.
- Continue enforcement patrols, provide visitor information, education, security and compliance, and complete maintenance tasks.
- Continue repairs and upgrades to restroom facilities in the Mirror Lake Scenic Byway Corridor with a focus on accessibility.
- Remove dilapidated restrooms at Hayden Peak Overlook and Slate Gorge Overlook.



Skiers on Beaver Creek Trail

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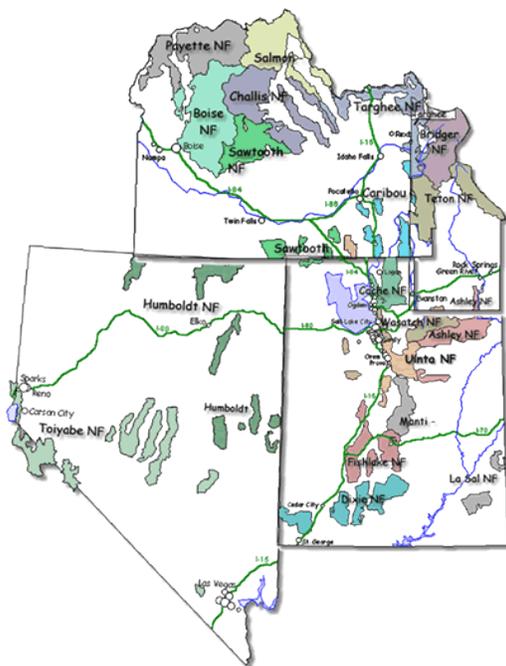
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Intermountain Region Recreation Fee Program Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$229,561
Recreation Fees	\$3,467,505
Special Uses	\$1,823,796
Total	\$5,520,861

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,803,632
Visitor Services	\$2,451,556
Law Enforcement	\$260,807
Cost of Collections	\$488,508
Habitat Restoration	\$12,125
Fee Agreements	\$46,012
Total	\$5,062,640

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