



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 Superior National Forest:

- Funded improvements to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) permit system. Continued to update online information and implement reservation service updates.
- Conducted pre-project archaeological surveys and monitored known heritage resource sites near several designated campsites and portages within the BWCAW.
- Improved administration of the outfitter and guide special use permit program and with a focus on increasing compliance with operating plans and agency policies among permit holders.
- Conducted summer and winter patrols in the BWCAW and contacted over 3,400 visitors. Contacted and provided information to an additional 12,426 people while issuing permits at ranger station offices.
- Supported a variety of educational and information opportunities for the public with a focus on BWCAW: offered information and programs at festivals, fairs, schools and online; produced radio presentations, brochures, maps, posters, and articles; and created wilderness education signs. Over 49,000 viewers enjoyed one educational video along.
- Inventoried and treated non-native invasive species, as well as educated the public about the issue.



A worker pulls non-native invasive plant species. The BWCAW has only 12 acres of invasive species, which is minimal compared to the nation as a whole.

Special Feature

The BWCAW possesses a deep-rooted cultural history. Clue to the lives French voyageurs who used this area 200 years ago and Native Americans long before that can be found scattered across the landscape. Forest Service archeologists along with six St. Cloud State University graduate students and an anthropology professor spent ten days excavating three sites and surveying two others, adding to the collective knowledge of the Boundary Waters.



Superior National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$4,365
Recreation Fees	\$1,346,777
Special Uses	\$34,563
Total	\$1,385,705

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,018,966
Visitor Services	\$249,884
Law Enforcement	\$154,532
Cost of Collections	\$115,983
Habitat Restoration	\$46,359
Total	\$1,585,724

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenues.

Superior National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Supported volunteers who logged more than 27,000 hours of work on the BWCAW. Volunteers cleared portages and trails, maintained campsites and restrooms, collected trash, provided wilderness ranger support and wilderness education, and served as general contacts for visitors.
- Completed annual campsite maintenance: replaced latrines, installed fire grates, inspected and removed hazard trees and vegetation, planted trees, rehabilitated illegal sites, and continued to inventory and monitor site conditions.
- Completed portage and trail work: brushed and cleared portages and trails, maintained and installed erosion control structures, repaired trail tread and bridges, and rebuilt boardwalk sections.



The Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, completed portage maintenance work in the BWCAW.



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Eastern Region Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$72,388
Recreation Fees	\$4,630,544
Special Uses	\$234,671
Total	\$4,937,602
Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,103,033
Visitor Services	\$718,625
Law Enforcement	\$278,772
Cost of Collections	\$567,288
Habitat Restoration	\$46,359
Fee Agreements	\$1,679
Total	\$4,715,757

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