

USDA FOREST SERVICE  
**RECREATIONAL FEE PROGRAM**  
**FY 09 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FOREST NAME: SALMON-CHALLIS

REGION: 04

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**Revenues**

Interagency	Special Use	Rec Fees	Total
\$480	\$317,151	\$503,836	\$821,467

**Expenses**

Interagency	Special Use	Rec Fees	Total
\$0	\$197,170	\$678,669	\$875,839

**DESCRIPTION**

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Recreation Fee Program includes 30 campgrounds, 8 cabin rentals, and Main Salmon and Middle Fork Salmon River daily use fees. The forest has 122 active outfitter/guide permits.

**FEE SCHEDULE (IF CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR)**

No changes to the fee programs in Fiscal Year 2009

**INFORMATION FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTS**

Rivers – Main Salmon and Middle Fork Salmon Rivers program includes funding for staff, such as river rangers and river launch checkers who assist boaters with their plans and their trip. Each party receives free river maps to help them navigate. 2009 was the last season of the 4-rivers Lottery, and part of the fees went towards the conversion to a new way of doing business with the National Reservation Service as the launch access program. Weed control continued with contractors and employees boating and hiking into remote sites and continuing their battle with invasive species eradication. At Riggins, the SCAT machine was repaired and garbage was removed from dumpsters along the Salmon River road. The river gauge at Middle Fork Lodge continued to be uplinked via satellite for internet access to water level conditions.

Cabins – The cabin rental program use increased again this year, and each cabin was stocked with firewood, had chimney and woodstove repairs done over the summer. Lightning protection was installed at the Sheephorn lookout. Each cabin was cleaned and tidied up between visits. Outhouses were painted and pumped. Capehorn winter rental got a fresh coat of paint after the old layers of lead paint were carefully removed.

Campgrounds – The campgrounds in the fee program were maintained and some picnic tables were re-furbished. Outhouses were painted and hazard trees were removed. Camp hosts on site provided helpful information to campers across the forest and assisted with daily cleaning and maintenance. New fee tubes and bulletin boards were installed.

Recreation Special Use Permits – Two full time employees oversee the permit program for the forest. This year, forest employees performed inspections, completed heritage surveys on assigned site camps, and re-issued permits.

#### **PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Interpreter from Shoshone-Bannock Tribes at Indian Creek – greeted about 4000 visitors to the Middle Fork River corridor at Indian Creek Guard Station.

Middle Fork River gauge agreement with USGS – provided satellite uplink to the internet which shows river levels.

#### **INFORMATION FOR SPECIAL FEATURE**

The Main Salmon River Road and the Boundary Creek Road receive a spray treatment of “mag-chloride” in the spring that keeps the dust to a minimum and reduces the maintenance required throughout the summer. The heavy boater traffic of trucks, trailers and buses quickly turns the roads to washboard surface and ruts. The sticky brown goo gets worked into the road surfacing gravel and keeps the roads in good shape for a longer time.

#### **PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR USING RECREATION FEE DOLLARS**

Nez Perce NF will be working with collected fee money to re-habilitate the Vinegar Creek Boat ramp on the Main Salmon River.

Continue most of the above programs.