



Forest Service
Intermountain Region
Caribou-Targhee
National Forest

2010



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 Caribou-Targhee National Forest:

- Partnered with the Montana Conservation Corps to complete trail maintenance in the Jedediah Smith Wilderness.
- Installed eight new entry signs in the Jedediah Smith Wilderness.
- Increased Wilderness Ranger patrols and reduced the number of illegal campfires and improved Wilderness campsite conditions.
- Updated all Wilderness trailhead posters and installed plexiglass coverings.
- Completed erosion control work and restored the Grandview Boat Slide.
- Maintained and/or improved 162 trail miles on the Palisades Ranger District. These trails are extremely popular with the public and permitted outfitters.
- Replaced deteriorated ATV bike guards on Palisades Ranger District trail system.
- Administered, monitored and inspected outfitter and guide special use permits.
- Pumped vault toilets at remote trailheads used by permitted outfitters and the general public.
- Funded employees who made daily visitor contacts and provided information at Mesa Falls Recreation Site.
- Completed regular maintenance tasks on three rental cabins on the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District.



Before and after photos of clearing blow down from Dry Elk Trail.

Special Feature

Getting a boat from the parking lot to a river can be tricky when there is no boat launch. The folks at Ashton/Island Park Ranger District have a clever way of accessing the Henrys Fork River below Mesa Falls – a boat slide. This 1,200 foot earthen slide is used by the public to pull their soft bottom boats to the river. In 2010, fee funds were used to improve the parking area and install erosion control structures along the slide.



Caribou-Targhee National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$9,080
Recreation Fees	\$333,260
Special Uses	\$114,476
Total	\$456,816

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$165,650
Visitor Services	\$279,225
Law Enforcement	\$16,207
Cost of Collections	\$3,885
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$464,967

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenues.

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Additional Accomplishments

- Supplemented maintenance funds to complete foot bridge replacement at Big Springs Campground.
- Installed a gate at the Big Springs Campground to prevent resource damage from unauthorized ATV use.
- Repaired and improved information signing at Scout Mountain Campground.
- Accomplished additional noxious weed control within the interior boundaries of Curlew, Scout Mountain, and Big Springs campgrounds. Also completed weed control around the Westside Ranger District rental cabins.
- Added additional directional signing along major access routes to Westside Ranger District campgrounds.
- Replaced flooring at Big Springs Cabin.
- Removed old paint from exterior siding and flooring and repainted the Malad Summit Cabin.
- Completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at campgrounds and cabins under the fee program and purchased needed supplies.



New Jedediah Smith Wilderness Portal Sign.

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Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$170,255
Recreation Fees	\$3,303,064
Special Uses	\$1,629,573
Total	\$5,102,892

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$2,053,467
Visitor Services	\$3,067,212
Law Enforcement	\$265,772
Cost of Collections	\$430,802
Habitat Restoration	\$130,774
Fee Agreements	\$55,502
Total	\$6,003,529

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenues.