



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 Colville National Forest:

- Supported volunteer hosts at Bead Lake Boat Launch and Swan Lake Recreation Area. These hosts provided essential on-site management presence, site clean-up, visitor information, and maintained positive relationships with nearby private property owners. The Bead Lake host contacted over 1,550 visitors and provided them with general recreation information as well as specific information about preventing the spread of the aquatic weed milfoil.
- Supplemented appropriated funds and hired seasonal employees who completed security patrols, site clean-up, and routine maintenance tasks and provided visitor information daily between Memorial Day and Labor Day at ten campgrounds, six boat launches, and three picnic areas across the forest.
- Supported ongoing partnership with the Curlew Job Corps Center who removed hazard trees at recreation sites across the forest.
- Hosted the 18th Annual Swan Lake Outdoor Festival with the help of local community volunteers and the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department. The event included organized rides, an obstacle course, technical riding clinics, an evening interpretive program, kayak demonstrations, and camping.
- Provided firewood and propane, purchased new cookware, and continued with winterization efforts associated with firewood storage and restroom facilities at Snow Peak Cabin.
- Delivered conservation education programs to 30 local elementary school classes and an additional 87 youth and adults at the Ferry County Conservation Fair.



District fire crew cut eight cords of firewood for Snow Peak Cabin

Special Feature

Perched high atop a ridge in the Kettle Range Mountains, Snow Peak Cabin is used year-round by hikers, mountain bikers, hunters, horseback riders, and backcountry skiers. The cabin provides excellent access into the Bald-Snow potential Wilderness Area and to the Kettle Crest National Recreation Trail. Cabin maintenance is accomplished entirely with recreation fee funds and dedicated local volunteers.



Colville National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$ 35,200
Special Uses	\$1,088
Interagency Pass	\$2,034
Total	\$ 38,322

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$14,788
Visitor Services	\$8,254
Cost of Collections	\$2,175
Law Enforcement	\$3,442
Habitat Restoration	\$248
Total	\$28,907

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

Colville National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Replaced deteriorated site identification and directional signs within developed recreation sites.
- Constructed a landing to join a grant funded access ramp and fishing dock at Swan Lake Recreation Area.
- Hand-pulled weeds on half an acre within the Bead Lake Boat Launch riparian area, repainted parking lot stripes, and replaced buoys at the launch site.
- Replaced damaged group campsite access gate at Swan Lake Campground.
- Continued to develop changes to the forest outfitter and guide program by evaluating, issuing, and monitoring five permits and working with new proponents interested in providing avalanche education and day-trip horse trail ride opportunities.
- Staffed the shared Kettle Falls Regional Information Center shared by the National Park Service, Forest Service, Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Kettle Falls, and provided year-round weekend information to visitors.



New gate at Swan Lake group campsite



An employee cleans-up a parking area at Bead Lake boat launch.

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Pacific Northwest Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$7,539,044
Special Uses	\$638,697
Interagency Pass	\$485,488
Total	\$8,663,229

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$4,401,016
Visitor Services	\$2,553,593
Cost of Collections	\$916,041
Law Enforcement	\$458,400
Habitat Restoration	\$55,118
Fee Agreements	\$27,104
Total	\$8,411,273

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