

USDA FOREST SERVICE  
**RECREATIONAL FEE PROGRAM**  
**FY 05 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FOREST NAME: ARAPAHO-ROOSEVELT NF's, PAWNEE NG**

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**TOTAL REC FEE RECEIPTS: \$752165.61**

**TOTAL REC FEE EXPENSES: \$545064.79**

Golden Passports: \$78907.48

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Recreation Fees: \$567228.14

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Recreation Special Uses: \$106029.99

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**BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERALL DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF SITES AND SERVICES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR FOREST'S PROGRAM – CAMPGROUNDS, CABINS, HIRAS, TOURS, VISITOR CENTERS, SPECIAL USES PERMITS, ETC.)**

The Forest rec. fee program consists of the following:

- The **Arapaho National Recreation Area HIRA**, specializing in multiple lake-based outdoor recreation opportunities, with amenities that include 5 lakes, 6 boat ramps, 6 trailheads and trails, 7 picnic areas, 6 campgrounds, courtesy docks, and courtesy/safety boat patrols.
- The **Mount Evans HIRA**, specializing in high-elevation (sub-alpine and alpine tundra) 14,000'+ outdoor recreation opportunities, with amenities that include a staffed Nature Center, a summit parking area, rest facility and overlook, interpretive displays and signs, guided interpretive tours, trails, high elevation botanical and rock gardens, and courtesy patrols.
- Three District annual **Christmas Tree Interpretive Program/Tree Cutting Areas** specializing in holiday tree cutting traditions and interpretive messages, staffed parking and interpretive sites, snow plowing service, portable toilets, collection points, directional signing and holiday cheer.
- Over 100 permitted **Outfitter/Guides**, specializing in guided outdoor recreation opportunities including guided: snowmobiling, backcountry skiing, hunting, fishing, rafting and kayaking, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, scenic touring and bird watching.

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

No changes.

**SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR (PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES THAT ADDRESSES THE ENTIRE FOREST'S PROGRAM SUCH AS CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS, VISITOR SERVICES, ETC.)**

Goldens:

- Backup staffing for Visitor Information Services.
- Purchase and use of Interpretive Services materials and products.
- Creation of Interpretive displays and brochures.

## SUP's:

- Minor special use permit admin. costs.

## Rec. Fees:

- New 3-panel interpretive kiosk with interpretive sign panels at Arapaho Bay.
- Sprayed to protect critical trees from mountain pine beetle infestation on wildlife habitat islands on Lake Granby and Shadow Mtn. Lake.
- Bought pontoon boat for water surface management, hazard marking and search/rescue operations.
- Converted dumpsters to bear proof.
- Installed mast-pole for sailboats at Sunset Boat Ramp.
- Installed new picnic tables at Meadow Creek Reservoir and other locations.
- Published an ANRA Newsletter.
- Sold 5,872 Christmas Tree Permits at three District cutting sites and served approximately 17,000+ happy holiday customers.
- Staffed the Dos Chappell Nature Center with Forest Service employees and volunteers.
- Completed planning for improvements to the Summit Lake Park site.
- Began implementing the 2004 Mt. Goliath Interpretive Master Plan.
- Operations and maintenance of all facilities was ongoing across all rec. fee areas.
- Law Enforcement and courtesy patrols were ongoing across all rec. fee areas.

## PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR

- Create and install interpretive sign at Meadow Creek Reservoir about water use will be done in partnership with the Denver Water Board.
- Install additional picnic tables, fire rings and trash receptacles at Meadow Creek Reservoir.
- Re-pave and re-stripe the Stillwater Boat Ramp.
- Continue to work with the Bureau of Reclamation on homeland security for reservoir dams.
- Continue to permit three commercial recreational ice-fishing events annually.
- Construct planned facilities at Summit Lake Park in partnership with Denver Mountain Parks. New facilities will include new toilet, parking lot improvements, trail reconstruction, interpretive signing and rehabilitation of severely eroded areas.
- Work with Colorado Dept. of Transportation to increase and expand the number of pull-off on the road to Mt. Evans.
- Install final interpretive displays and expand and pave the parking area at the Dos Chappell Visitor Center via contracts.
- Re-stripe the parking area at the Mt. Evans summit parking area and replace the accessible viewing scope there.

- Add picnic tables, trash receptacles, and general signing at Mt. Evans and across all rec. fee areas where appropriate.
- Create and install interpretive signing at various locations.
- Increase Forest Service presence at all rec. fee areas.

**HAVE YOU REVIEWED/UPDATED THE CRIA?**  NO  YES

**HOW WERE RESULTS MONITORED AGAINST BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION/CRIA PLAN OBJECTIVES?**

NA

**WAS THE BUSINESS PLAN MODIFIED THIS YEAR?**  NO  YES (DESCRIBE BELOW)