

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

**FOREST NAME: WHITE RIVER**

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**TOTAL REC FEE RECEIPTS: \$560433.11**

**TOTAL REC FEE EXPENSES: \$343748.06**

Golden Passports: \$14013.45

Golden Passports: \$9789.97

Recreation Fees: \$341695.20

Recreation Fees: \$301837.69

Recreation Special Uses: \$210609.19

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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 program includes 8 campgrounds, 1,466 miles of trails, 2 recreation rentals and three HIRA's: Green Mountain Reservoir (HIRA) provides 196 designated dispersed campsites, a boat launch site and 2 free parking areas, a 5-unit developed campground and 3 wilderness portals. Maroon Bells (HIRA) provides developed parking, numerous toilet facilities, trash receptacles, interpretive signs, picnic tables, 3 developed campgrounds, 3 trailheads and a Visitor Center and Vail Pass (HIRA) includes the following services: trail grooming, parking management, visitor information, maps, trail marking, trailhead signs, uniformed ranger patrols, and toilet facilities. There are 287 Outfitters that operate on the Forest and 38 recreation events were held in 2005.

The fee schedule remained the same with the exception of: Season Passes at Maroon Bells were reduced by 50 percent in 2005. Charged a \$1.00 person for Outfitter Guide operations at Maroon Bells.

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

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- Used 15% of these funds to due Billings as a continuation of the LWCF program since the Forest Budget Authority was not increased to spend the additional funds.

Rec Fees

- Maintained 7 miles of trails and construct .5 mile to standard
- Completed Interpretive Sign
- Completed accessible trail at Tigiwon Lodge
- Treated exterior of Piney Guard Station
- Installed two accessible grills at Tigiwon Lodge.
- Built one toilet at Coffee Pot Springs Campground.
- Replace/rehab campsites at 50 units.
- Wrote the Green Mountain Reservoir Management Plan
- Secured a grant to be used towards next year's capital improvement projects
- Upgrade 2 campsites and a gated entryway at Cataract Lake
- Distributed 1000 brochures announcing future management program

- Grooming of 48 miles of winter trails at Vail Pass
- Numbered trail markers for easier recognition.
- Revised user map to provide greater clarity, accuracy and ease of use.
- Installed temporary snow fences at critical entry points to non-motorized areas.

**PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR**

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- Gore Range Natural Science School will provide one volunteer for Visitor Information Services
- Gore Range Natural Science School will provide interpretive hikes and campfire talks.
- Forest Service crews will maintain 43 miles of trail.
- Investigation of illegal outfitters.
- Increased inspections of Outfitter-Guide Operations
- Increased Visitor use management with the additional Wilderness Rangers

**Rec Fees**

- Finish the construction of a new chlorinator system to new water line into Silver Queen CG
- Continue to upgrade the condition of the existing campgrounds and picnic grounds
- Repair volleyball court at Tigiwon Lodge
- Replace fence around Piney Guard Station
- Replace screen door on Piney Guard Station
- Implementation of the Green Mountain Reservoir Management Plan
- Visitor Information Center/Warming Hut at Ptarmigan Pass.
- Avalanche education program with State and local partners at Vail Pass
- Replace trailhead boards and “you Are Her” maps at Vail Pass.

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

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

Results were shared with the Regional CRIA office in an annual report.

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

The fee increase was included as well as incorporating REA specific requirements into the applicable sections.