



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:

- Supported volunteer hosts at Bead Lake Boat Launch and Swan Lake Recreation Area who provided an essential on-site presence and visitor information and completed cleaning and minor maintenance tasks. The Bead Lake host contacted over 1,500 visitors during the summer and provided not only general recreation information but vital information about prevention of aquatic milfoil spread. This host also helped maintain positive relations with owners of nearby residences.
- Funded a temporary employee who completed security patrols, cleaning and maintenance tasks, and provided visitor information at a backcountry rental cabin, ten campgrounds, six boat launches, and three picnic areas across the forest.
- Purchased sleeping cots, firewood and propane for Snow Peak Cabin and installed a fresh air intake system on the wood stove.
- Supported the removal and clean-up of lodgepole pine killed by mountain pine beetle at Sherman Overlook Campground.
- Installed new site posts and information boards at two campgrounds.
- Supported the on-going partnership with the Curlew Job Corps Forestry Program. Students removed hazard trees, cleared trails around lakes at Swan Lake Recreation Area, cleaned campsites and cut firewood for the Swan Lake Mountain Bike Festival.
- Coordinated with local community volunteers and merchants and the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department and partially funded the 19th Annual Swan Lake Mountain Bike Festival. The event included organized rides, obstacle course, technical riding and maintenance clinics, kayak demonstrations, camping, and an evening interpretive program.
- Offered Christmas tree hikes during December; participants learned about the area's winter plants and animals and cut a Christmas tree at the end of the day.



Long-time Bead Lake host has greeted thousands of visitors, hand-pulled acres of weeds and kept the boat launch clean.

Special Feature

Just north of Kettle Falls is a hidden gem – Pierre Lake Recreation Area. For adventurous families who like a more rustic camping experience, this area offers fishing, swimming, boating and hiking on a lakeshore trail. Reconstructed in 2008 and 2009, it is a favorite with the local community but still draws visitors from farther away.



Colville National Forest
Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$36,873
Special Uses	\$1,304
Interagency Pass	\$2,700
Total	\$40,878

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$11,423
Visitor Services	\$9,232
Cost of Collections	\$3,143
Law Enforcement	\$1,599
Habitat Restoration	\$534
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$25,931

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

Colville Additional Accomplishments

- Staffed Kettle Falls Regional Information Center in partnership with the National Park Service, Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Kettle Falls. This facility provides year-round visitor information about recreation opportunities on lands managed by the cooperating agencies. The facility is open daily for three seasons and five-days a week during winter.
- Completed an outfitter and guide needs assessment as part of the process to meet national direction and convert short-term, temporary outfitter and guide special use permits to long-term, priority ones.
- Administered and monitored recreation event special use permits for Tiger Triathlon, Colville Driftrider's and Selkirk Trailblazer's snowmobile events and the Ferry County Backcountry Horsemen Trail Ride.



Tiger Triathlon participants



Swan Lake Mountain Bike Festival

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Pacific Northwest Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$7,514,522
Special Uses	\$738,353
Interagency Pass	\$567,391
Total	\$8,820,266

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$4,086,544
Visitor Services	\$2,432,384
Cost of Collections	\$830,782
Law Enforcement	\$397,402
Habitat Restoration	\$59,744
Fee Agreements	\$14,481
Total	\$7,821,337

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