

PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2001

- Marketing of Annual Passes and State VIP Passes accepted at all sites
- Trail improvement at Kayak Corner
- Parking area at Beehive Bend graveled and graded
- Re-constructed portions of trail at Chief Parish
- Funding of Boise County Public Safety Agreement
- Increased site maintenance throughout complex (ongoing)
- Painted cross walk at Deadwood



PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2002

- Development of Posters and Brochures to educate users about waste management on river
- Asphalt entrances into Chief Parish and Parnell Beach
- Ramp installation at Danskin
- Finish staircase construction at Chief Parish
- Replace fence at Banks
- Development of new fee site at Banks East
- Install stairs at Hot Springs
- Continue marketing of annual and VIP passes
- Continue recurring maintenance at all sites
- Erosion control work at Confluence ramp
- Extend kayak staircase at Lower Deer Creek

TO PAYETTE RIVER USERS

As we begin the fifth year of implementing the Payette River Recreation Fee Demonstration program, we want to thank boaters and other river users for their increasing support of, and participation in, this effort to improve the quality of recreation in the river corridor.

Over the last four years, the program has generated a total of nearly \$177,000 through the sale of annual and day passes and outfitter and guide fees. All of this money has been retained –locally and over half of it has been spent - to maintain and improve recreation facilities on the Payette River.

As boaters and other river users have seen the results of the Payette River Recreation Fee Demonstration program on the ground, the number of boaters and other river users who voluntarily buy day and annual passes has substantially increased.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the representatives of river users, communities, and local and state government agencies impacted by recreational use of the Payette River who have volunteered their time to help us determine the best way to spend the funds generated by the Payette River Recreation Fee Demonstration program. These people have proven that when individuals with different interests sit down and roll up their sleeves, common ground can be found.

Thank you again for your support and please continue to stay involved in the Payette River Recreation Fee Demonstration Program.

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PAYETTE RIVER RECREATION COMPLEX

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PAYETTE RIVER



PAYETTE RIVER RECREATION FEE DEMONSTRATION

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HOW MUCH MONEY DID WE COLLECT IN 2001

From the sales of daily passes: \$19,635
From the sales of annual passes: \$ 8,100
From outfitter and guide fees: \$16,302
Total: \$44,037

DID YOU KNOW?

Outfitter and guides who operate on federal lands are required to pay 3% of their adjusted gross income generated on that federal land to the government. That is to compensate taxpayers who own the land. Usually that money goes to the U.S. Treasury. This demonstration project has allowed outfitter and guide fees to stay at the site to help make improvements which benefit all river users.

WHAT IS THE RECREATION FEE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Congress authorized federal agencies to collect recreation fees around the nation on a trial basis for a 5-year period. Boise National Forest and the Lower Snake River District, BLM, began collecting fees at river access sites along the Payette River on May 16, 1998.

The purpose of the fees is to generate money to fund much-needed operations, maintenance, repairs, and improvements in the river corridor. This authority allows and requires federal agencies to apply all the fees collected to the sites, rather than returning the fees to the U.S. Treasury.

HOW MANY PASSES DID WE SELL?

Annual Passes 270 @ \$30.00
Daily Passes 6,545 @ \$ 3.00

EXPENDITURES OF REVENUE GENERATED

\$ 2,773 Fee collection
\$ 120 Interpretation and signing
\$25,547 Annual operations
\$ 6,100 Public Safety
\$34,540 **Total**

EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS (non fee demonstration \$)

\$ 2,455 Operations, Maintenance and Site improvement
\$ 2,155 Public Safety
\$23,698 Toilet at Deadwood
\$ 9,812 Well at Deadwood
\$38,120 **Total**



HOW DO YOU DECIDE HOW TO SPEND THE FEES?

The BLM and the Boise National Forest decide how to spend the fees generated by the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program based on the recommendations of a working group that consists of representatives of boaters, communities affected by recreational use of the Payette River, and local and state government agencies that provide river recreation support services. This group has been chartered by the BLM's Resource Advisory Council and includes representatives from Idaho Whitewater Association, Payette River outfitters, Boise County, Garden Valley and Horseshoe Bend Chambers of Commerce, Idaho Department of Transportation, local landowners, and the public-at-large.

The projects planned for 2002 are a result of this group's recommendations, as well as comments we received from river users who took the time to write us. We will be working on these projects throughout the coming year. If you would like to provide input on how to spend future fees, please send written comments to Bill Hagdorn, BLM, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705 or email to bill_hagdorn@blm.gov or David Hale, Boise National Forest, 1805 Hwy 16, Rm 5, Emmett ID 83617 or email to dfhale@fs.fed.us.