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To: Forest Supervisor, Brownstown and Tell City District Ranger

Administration and Income/Expenses

The 2002 fee demonstration program began on January 1, 2002 and ended on December 31, 2002. Thirty vendors were used, and the two Forest Service offices sold tags. Collections amounted to \$55,864, expenses were \$28,476 and a net gain of \$27,388 was realized. There were 1,503 annuals sold and 7,866 daily trail permits sold. Most sales (69%) occurred at locations serving the Pleasant Run Unit, which is the northern portion of the Forest. Summary tables are attached. A trail ranger was employed during the entire year. The position administered the program, made collections from vendors, assisted with trail maintenance and construction, patrolled the trails for compliance and other forest violations, gave educational programs to the general public on Leave No Trace and trail etiquette, and collected use and compliance data.

The 2002 fee demonstration program on the Hoosier National Forest collected \$4,317.50 more than the 2001 calendar year receipts.

Benefits

A benefit for 2002 included using \$22,000 towards the completion of the Springs Valley Multiple Use trail. These funds were available from receipts from the 2001 season.

Another benefit from the funds was the continued services of a trail ranger. In addition to patrolling for compliance, this person provided visitor assistance in the backcountry where such contacts would not be possible under traditional staffing levels. The trail ranger also helped with the construction of the 545 trail (a reroute in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness enabling trail users to complete the Grubb Ridge loop when Lake Monroe is flooded.)

2003 Plans

Plans for 2003 include hitching rails and fence posts at Carter Bottoms in the German Ridge area and at the Lick Creek trailhead. Other plans include new trailhead kiosks (bulletin boards) at Hickory Ridge, Blackwell (2), Shirley Creek, and Nebo Ridge. New information signs for wilderness entry points are also on the agenda along with trail resurfacing at problem locations throughout the forest.

The Hoosier National Forest will continue to participate in the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program until Congress makes a decision as to the future of user fees on our forests. Congress has extended the recreation fee demonstration program until October 1, 2004.

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2002 Vendor receipt summary:

Vendor	Income	Annual Sold	Daily Sold	Unit Covered	Nearby Trails
Midwest Trail Rides	\$11,625.00	175	2935	Pleasant Run	Hickory Ridge
Circle S Horsecamp	\$5,650.50	124	1045	Pleasant Run	Hickory Ridge
USFS – Bedford	\$5,217.50	231	62	Pleasant Run	Hickory R., Deam W.
Maumee Horsecamp	\$3,807.00	121	337	Pleasant Run	Hickory Ridge
Pine Valley Store	\$3,191.00	118	120	Patoka	Youngs Creek
Hardin Ridge Supply	\$3,066.00	78	462	Pleasant Run	Deam Wilderness
Rocky Point Marina	\$2,716.50	52	577	Tell City	German Ridge
Farmer’s Market	\$2,610.50	79	270	Pleasant Run	Hickory R., Deam W.
Crouch’s Market	\$2,447.50	60	391	Pleasant Run	Nebo Ridge
Coyote Creek	\$2,257.00	66	256	Pleasant Run	Nebo Ridge
D & D Country Store	\$1,981.00	63	175	Lost River	Shirley Creek
Birdseye General	\$1,882.00	61	155	Tell City	Birdseye
Mike’s Country Mart	\$1,379.50	36	199	Tell City	Tipsaw, Mogan Ridge
Agan’s Market	\$1,076.50	32	117	Lost River	Shirley Creek
Southern IN Horsemen	\$1,053.00	19	235	Tell City	German Ridge
Ole Country Store	\$975.00	30	96	Tell City	Oriole
USFS – Tell City	\$758.50	30	39	Tell City	German Ridge
Bikesmith’s	\$616.00	18	70	Pleasant Run	Hickory R., Nebo R.
Gatchel Market	\$564.50	16	69	Tell City	Mogan R., German R.
Cowboys For Christ	\$458.50	18	7	Lost River	Varied
Shirley Creek Tr. Ride	\$440.50	17	0	Lost River	Varied
Gille’s Cycle Shop	\$435.00	10	80	Pleasant Run	Nebo Ridge
Hancock Trading Post	\$425.50	14	33	Lost River	Shirley Creek
Bicycle Station	\$418.00	14	30	Pleasant Run	Nebo Ridge
Indy Cycle Specialist	\$315.00	10	28	Pleasant Run	Nebo Ridge
Circle City	\$270.00	10	10	Pleasant Run	Nebo Ridge
Multi-Adventurers	\$125.00	0	50	Patoka	Youngs Creek
Outdoor Outlet	\$30.00	0	12	Pleasant Run	Hickory R., Nebo R.
Best Bicycles Inc.	\$29.50	1	2	Pleasant Run	Hickory R., Nebo R.
Birdseye Trading Post	\$22.50	0	9	Tell City	Birdseye
Springs Valley Hrdwr.	\$15.00	0	6	Patoka	Springs V., Shirley Cr.
IN. Bicycle Coalition	\$5.00	0	2	Tell City	Tipsaw
TOTALS:	\$55,864.00	1,503	7,866		

Total Sales By Management Area

Management Unit	Income	Percentage
Pleasant Run	\$38,794.50	69%
Tell City	\$9,356.50	17%
Lost River	\$4,382.00	8%
Patoka	\$3,331.00	6%

2002 Income and Administrative Expenses Summary:

Income		Admin. Expenses			
Tag Receipts	\$55,864.00	Form Reprints	\$388.00		
		Ranger Salary	\$24,710.00		
		Trail Tags	\$3,378.00		
Total Income:	\$55,864.00	Total Expenses:	\$28,476.00	Net:	\$27,388.00

Expenses reflect costs above routine operations and does not include overhead.
Consignment or sales reimbursements to vendors are deducted before transfer of vendor receipts to the Forest Service.

2002 Projects

Project	Cost
Springs Valley Trail --- tread enhancement	\$22,000
Total:	\$22,000

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