

The Helena National Forest

Fiscal Year 2003 Activities

Helena National Forest (acres)	975,359
Scapegoat Wilderness	80,697
Gates of the Mountains Wilderness	28,560

Payments to Counties (total 2003)	\$409,683
Broadwater	\$82,049
Jefferson	\$39,949
Lewis & Clark	\$172,947
Meagher	\$18,879
Powell	\$95,849

Employees	permanent	temporary
Helena Supervisor's Office	61	25
Helena Ranger District	43	60
Lincoln Ranger District	25	30
Townsend Ranger District	38	18
TOTAL	147	153

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Recreation	
Developed Campgrounds	10
Picnic areas	3
Rental Cabins	7
- 1,316 people enjoyed our rental cabins	
- The cabins were occupied 608 nights	
- Receipts from the rental cabins totaled \$13,992	

Trails (Total miles)	1,088
Trail construction/reconstruction (miles)	7
Trail maintenance (miles)	650
- 100 miles were maintained by volunteer crews	

Heritage Resources	
New Sites Discovered (prehistoric & historic sites)	26
Acres surveyed in 34 total surveys	2,450
Site Investigations & National Register evaluations	5
Sites Stabilized & Rehabilitated	1
Interpreted Sites/Landscapes	5

Wildlife	
Wildlife habitat surveys (acres)	140,000
Habitat improvement (acres)	approx. 370

State & Private Forestry Assistance Grants	
Townsend Chamber of Commerce	\$12,000
Townsend Heritage Park Pavilion Project	\$30,000
N. Central Mt. Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.	\$10,000

Fisheries	
Stream enhancement (miles)	6
Stream inventories	12

Range	
Rangeland monitored/evaluated (acres)	158,038
Miles of fence construction	16
Grazing allotments administered	41
Total AUM's	36,425

Noxious Weeds	
Number of Treatment Acres	
Chemical Control	5,417
Biological Control	1,669
TOTAL	7,086

Soil & Water	
Soil and watershed rehabilitation (acres)	307
Soil Quality Assessment on Rangeland Sites	21
Soil/Water BMP Effectiveness Evaluation Reports	4

Lands	
Land exchanges	44 acres
Land purchase completed	57 acres
Special Use permits administered	228
Special Use applications processed	38 cases
Maintenance surveys performed	3 miles
Road Right-of-Way easements acquired	2
Land Adjustment Surveys	3 cases
Site Surveys	3 cases
Trespass Surveys	3 cases
Road Right-of-Way plats	3 cases
Utility plats	7 cases

Minerals	
Mining exploration plans processed (locatable minerals)	9
Mineral prospecting permits processed (leasable minerals)	10
Mineral materials provided (tons of stone, sand, gravel)	250
Seismic proposals processed	10
Mineral receipts from oil and gas leasing (approximate)	\$50,000.00
Hazardous mine openings secured	2
Abandoned mine sites rehabilitated	1
Tenmile sites in cooperation with EPA	
Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex Site D Order signed with ASARCO to proceed with development of Engineering Evaluation and Cost Assessment	

Forest Management	
Reforestation (acres planted)	61
Douglas-Fir, Lodgepole Pine, Ponderosa Pine, & Engelmann Spruce seedlings) planted	207,885
Regeneration monitoring (acres)	2,161
Mortality reduction actions (due to activity of Douglas-fir beetles in burn areas from 2000); treatment acres listed	
• Treated areas with Douglas-fir beetle anti-aggregation pheromones	600
• Surveyed for Douglas-fir beetles within & adjacent to Cave Gulch & Maudlow-Toston fire areas and various sites of insect activity on the Forest	3,911
• Deployed 275 Douglas-fir beetle collection traps	
• Deployed 24 Douglas-fir beetle collection traps	
Total timber volume sold (ccf)	8,627
Christmas tree permits sold @ \$3.00 each	2,423
Personal use firewood permits sold	951
Personal use post and pole permits sold	23

Fire	
Number of wildfires	87
Area burned in wildfires (acres)	41,841
Prescribed fire application (acres)	2,556