

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
RECREATIONAL FEE PROGRAM
FY 06 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FOREST NAME: SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST

REGION: 4

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Revenues

Goldens	Special Use	Rec Fees	Total
\$ 458	\$ 368,156	\$ 372,068	\$ 740,682

Expenses

Goldens	Special Use	Rec Fees	Total
\$ -	\$ 211,095	\$ 488,987	\$ 700,082

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 Salmon-Challis National Forest Recreation Fee Program includes campgrounds, cabin rentals, both water and upland based outfitters and guides and administration of a special use permit program on the Main and Middle Fork Salmon Rivers.

FEE SCHEDULE (IF CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR)

No Changes

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

The Forest continued many of the same programs in FY06 as those in FY05 which included operation and maintenance of the fee campgrounds and cabin rentals; treating noxious weeds in the high use Main and Middle Fork Salmon River corridors and around campsites; two river patrols on both the Main and Middle Fork Salmon rivers (about 30 total patrol rotations); trail maintenance, emergency repairs and limited reconstruction on the mainline Middle Fork trail system, the trail from the Boundary Creek boat ramp to the Dagger Falls fish ladder and two of the main portal trails to the river corridor (about 100 miles total); piloted a successful program to issue small contracts to outfitters to complete trail maintenance and clearing on specific trails; continued the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes native American interpreter program; provided checkers at both of the main river portals at Corn Creek and Boundary Creek who assign campsites, provide and interpretive and safety introduction to the rivers, continue the agreement with USGS for operation of the Middle Fork river gauge; operation of the Four River Lottery for the Main and Middle Fork Salmon rivers, the Selway and Hells Canyon, operation and maintenance of 2 “scat” machines, one each at the upper and lower end of the Main Salmon access portals.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR

Complete the NEPA/planning for 2 significant boat ramp expansions on the Salmon River; complete an application of magnesium chloride on the Main Salmon River Road and the Boundary Creek access road (37 miles); continue the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes native American interpreter program, continue to run

two river patrols on both the Main and Middle Fork Salmon Rivers, continue to provide checkers at the river portals; continue the agreement with Idaho County to maintain the Lower Salmon River access; work with the Idaho Falls Recreation Rac to increase fees charged at campgrounds; treat noxious weeds in the high use Main and Middle Fork Salmon River corridors and around campsites; continue trail maintenance on the mainline Middle Fork trail system, including small contract with outfitters; continue the agreement with USGS for the Middle Fork river gauge; continue operation and maintenance of fee campgrounds and cabin rentals. Continue to operate the Four River Lottery for the Main and Middle Fork Salmon rivers, the Selway River and Hells Canyon. The lottery will go online in FY07 reducing operating costs and providing better service to customers.