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# Recreation Site Facility Master Planning



## 5-year Proposed Program of Work and Programmatic Effects of Implementation

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document is a living, working road map to guide the Forest in providing a quality, sustainable recreation sites program. It describes the vision for the overall Forest recreation program and outlines proposals specific to individual developed recreation sites.

The proposals and guidance contained in this document were developed through, and are the end result of, the national Recreation Site Facility Master Plan (RS-FMP) process. Existing and projected visitor demands, recreation program niche, resource conditions, links to the community, program costs, and revenue were all considered in developing proposals.

This document will serve as a framework from which the Forest will prioritize investments, and pursue changes in operations or maintenance of recreation sites. Proposals are wholly consistent with the Northern Region's "Recreation Strategy" and the Flathead Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

The Forest recognizes that site-specific analysis and public involvement may be necessary prior to implementing some of the proposals contained in this document. As implementation of site-specific proposals are considered, they will be evaluated to determine if they are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and all required procedures shall be executed.

The Forest also recognizes that proposals relating to fees will require consistency with criteria outlined in the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) and coordination with the appropriate Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC).

## 2. PLAN SUMMARY - Programmatic Effects Of Implementation

### A. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS

The purpose of Recreation Sites Facility Master Planning is to display the proposed tasks needed over the next 5 years to bring the Forest's recreation infrastructure into alignment with the resources available to operate and maintain it to standard. Many of our facilities were built 30-50 years ago and have reached the end of their useful life without significant deferred maintenance investment. Other facilities receive no or little use, and no longer serve the demand that existed 30-50 years ago. The fundamental premise of the proposed program of work is to create an inventory which is sustainable and flexible enough to be annually adapted to any changes in available resources. The proposed program of work is designed to meet the following objectives:

- Operate and maintain sites to standard within available revenue stream.
- Reduce deferred maintenance by 20% over the 5 year life of the program of work.
- Focus available resources on sites which conform most closely to the Forest Recreation Program Niche.
- Maintain and enhance customer satisfaction with available sites.

The RS-FMP analysis is needed to define the proposed actions for management of forest recreation sites in order to meet the desired future condition that aligns with the Forest Plan. For purposes of the analysis and planning for future proposed actions, four categories (A-D) of proposed management are used. These categories are:

- 1) Category A: sites that are under some type of operational or contractual agreement whose terms are longer than the 5-year period of the RS-FMP analysis.
- 2) Category B: sites that meet the unit niche; are environmentally sustainable within the capability and capacity of the natural resources; are supported by and provide support to local communities; and have a sustainable management cost-benefit ratio.
- 3) Category C: sites that do not meet all of the above criteria, but with a combination of mitigation, additional resources, or other type of action could be made to qualify for Category B status.
- 4) Category D: sites that do not meet all of the (Category B) criteria; or fall sufficiently short in one or more of the criterion so as to render the capability of meeting it unsustainable. These sites may be managed for dispersed recreation opportunities.

Sites were evaluated and ranked based on conformance to the forest niche and amount of recreation use (35%), financial efficiency (35%), and environmental and community sustainability (30%).

Some sites were identified as non-discretionary based primarily on existing agreements such as concession permits.

B. FOREST RECREATION NICHE

**Water, Wilderness & Wildlife**

Sharing the name of the lake and rushing rivers that wind through it, the Flathead NF is a critical piece of an incredible intact ecosystem that sustains the grizzly bear and the quality of human life. Whether visitors trek deep into the world-renowned Bob Marshall Wilderness or view the towering mountains from their backyard, the Forest is a “tap root” essential to the communities. Forest visitors experience self-reliance, challenge and renewal on downhill slopes, as well as in rustic settings along Wild and Scenic Rivers, mountain lakes, and Wilderness.

**Settings, Special Places, and Values**

The spectacular glacial mountains feature majestic peaks, lush forests, snowfields, lakes and alpine. Waters of the Forest flow from numerous mountain streams into the Swan, Stillwater, and 3-forks of the Flathead River downstream into Flathead Lake, largest freshwater lake west of the Great Lakes. World-class wild lands include the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, three nationally designated Wild & Scenic Rivers, and the adjacent Glacier National Park. As stewards of portions of both the BMWC and Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, the Forest has a responsibility to provide educational opportunities to help sustain this incredible landscape for future generations.

Rivers and Lakes – Clear glacially fed streams offer a mix of white-water and quiet water in rocky and forested canyons with outstanding mountain views, and provide habitat for native Bull Trout and Westslope Cutthroat Trout. Although road access is nearby, floaters on the river often have a sense of solitude. Crystal clear mountain lakes have scenic backdrops offering solitude and nodes of highly social interaction.

The Bob – It is part of BMWC, the largest contiguous Wilderness in the lower 48 and includes wild segments of Wild and Scenic Rivers. This area is habitat for grizzly bear, wolves, and large elk herds. Craggy peaks along the Continental Divide and vastness make this a remote and challenging Wilderness. Turn of the century Forest Service heritage is represented in the Wilderness Historic District.

Quiet Trails – Alpine Lakes nestled in steep, dense forest, with miles of hiking trails.

Backcountry – Less developed trails along North Fork, Swan Front and Hungry Horse Reservoir offer spectacular scenery & views, and a sense of remoteness.

Varied Use – Highly roaded, rolling mountain forest with scenic vistas and abundant wildlife. Big Mountain and Blacktail Mountain are winter wonderlands offering spectacular views of Glacier Park.

Swan Mosaic – Grizzly Bear travel corridors link the bear populations in the Mission and Swan Ranges. Scenic vistas of these ranges are seen from the Swan Highway, a major travel corridor between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and part of the Northern Continental Divide Scenic Loop.

**Activities/Opportunities/Experiences:**

Most of the activities are setting related and less facility dependent and provide a sense of freedom. Facilities provide access to opportunities. Some increased use levels are accommodated through management and by other providers. Outfitter & Guides help provide quality recreation experiences. Environmental education is a focus and provided through partnerships.

Rivers and Lakes -Paddle, float and boat the Wild and Scenic Rivers or lakes. Stay overnight on a river or lake in a campground or a cabin. Lakes offer uncrowded fishing and boating opportunities. Featured lakes with more amenities include portions of Swan, Tally, Ashley, Hungry Horse and Holland.

The Bob – Experience a pristine, untamed adventure on the Middle & South Forks of the Flathead River, hike or horse pack across the Continental Divide. Vastness and high risk offer a “true” wilderness experience.

Quiet Trails – The Great Bear, and Mission Mountain Wildernesses and Jewel Basin hiking area are a hiker’s paradise. More accessible, though still primitive, hiking experiences offer good introductory opportunities to backcountry, and renewal for community residents.

Backcountry – huckleberry picking, dispersed camping, hunting, hiking, and x-ctry skiing & snowmobiling occur in the roaded portion of this largely unroaded setting.

Varied Use – Hunting, firewood cutting, Christmas tree outings, driving for pleasure, snowmobiling & x-country skiing occur. Local demand for motorized use will be evaluated and accommodated when compatible in this setting. Big Mountain offers world class skiing and snow-boarding. Big Mountain Nature Center is a focus for education and community appreciation of the ecosystem. Blacktail Mtn offers affordable family downhill skiing.

Swan Mosaic – Checkerboard ownership provides more motorized road opportunities which permit hunting and viewing wildlife and scenery.

**Primary Visitors**

Locals	Visitors within 1 hour, day use
Weekenders/Adjacent counties	Visitors within 2-4 hours, 2 <sup>nd</sup> home owners, camping,
National and International	Visitors within 4+ hours, 4 day + stay, more affluent, older, skiing, GNP

Developed Sites Niche Bridge for the Coming Decade	Flathead National Forest 11/04/05					
	Niche Emphasis: Nearby & Remote Wilderness, water destinations, trail access					
	Rivers and Lakes	The Bob	Quiet Trails	Backcountry	Varied Use	Swan Mosaic
<b>Setting Function</b> How will the setting function to support the niche emphasis?	Clear, Clean water with road access nearby is focus for recreation	Vast Wilderness, historic F.S. district, backdrop to communities, W&SR	Alpine lakes in deep forest w/ miles of trails, primitive oppty's	Less developed along water (?), scenic views, remote & largely unroaded	Highly roaded, rolling mtns., abundant wildlife, scenic Two dev ski areas within	Grizzly linkages between 2 WZ's, scenic backdrop & vistas, major highway
<b>Setting Appropriateness:</b> How appropriate is the setting for the location of developed sites?	high	Low High for TH accessing water, wz, wildlife areas	Mod High for TH accessing water, wz, wildlife areas	Mod High for TH accessing water, wz, wildlife areas	mod	Low High for TH accessing water, wz, wildlife areas
<b>Site Function:</b> What functions should sites perform to best meet the niche emphasis?	Access to water oppty's, site protection	Access to WZ & remote, high risk exp's	Access to nearby bkctry oppty's	Access into bkctry w/roads & unroaded expanses	Easy, roaded access for disp day use	Mixed ownership permits more roaded activ's. Designed for Grizzly linkage to WZ's
<b>Key Activities</b> in support of the niche emphasis for the coming decade	Paddle, float, boat, fish, overnight use, Swimming	Hike, horsepack, paddle, float, hunt	Hiking, viewing, renewing	Gathering, hunting, hiking, disp camping, x-ctry, sno-mobile	Gathering, hunting, driving, OHV, viewing, x-ctry, sno-mobile	Driving, hunting, viewing
<b>SITE TYPE/ DEVELOPMENT SCALE</b> Needed to provide key activities  Sites will typically be the lowest dev scale possible to maintain visitor experience & protect the resource	Campgrounds/ 2-4	Trailhead/ 1-2	Trailhead/ 2	Trailhead/2	Observation Site 2/3	Observation Site 2/3
	Boat ramp/ 2-4	Campground/ 2	Picnic/2	Campground/2	Trailhead 2/3	Trailhead 2
	Picnic/ 2-4	Cabins 3-4		Cabins 3-4	Cabins 3-4	
	Cabins 3-4					
	Swim Sites					
	Trailheads 2-4					
<b>SITE CAPACITY</b> Low <50 Medium = 50-150 High >150	Low-Med	Low	Low	Low	Low-Med	Low-Med

**Strategies:**

Developed oppty's are primarily associated with water features or nationally significant attractions.

\*Swan, Tally, Ashley, Hungry Horse and Holland Lakes have nodes of higher dev scale facil's, and higher capacity strategically placed to serve users & protect resources.

"The Bob" will remain with low site capacity and dev scale 1 & 2.

The Camp Misery TH in the Quiet Trail setting is appropriate as a medium capacity and a dev scale 3.

C. CRITICAL MONETARY FACTORS

For the Forest Recreation Sites program, display asset and expense information before and after 5-year Program of Work development.

<b>FLATHEAD National Forest</b>				
<b>A.</b>	<b>CRITICAL MONETARY FACTOR</b>	<b>BASELINE CONDITION (Benchmark Data)</b>	<b>Program of Work CHANGED CONDITION (does not include CATEGORY C or CATEGORY D sites)</b>	<b>Program of Work PERCENT CHANGE (does not include CATEGORY C or CATEGORY D sites)</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL ASSETS</b>	APPROPRIATED FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 113,014	\$ 113,014	<b>0%</b>
	FEE RECEIPTS AVAILABLE	\$ 63,740	\$ 105,784	<b>66%</b>
	OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ -	\$ -	<b>0%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	OPERATING COSTS	\$ 146,011	\$ 88,091	<b>-40%</b>
	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COSTS	\$ 147,130	\$ 115,042	<b>-22%</b>
	DEFERRED MAINTENANCE COSTS*	\$ 985,515	\$ 403,088	<b>-59%</b>

\*-Deferred Maintenance included for all sites except CATEGORY D

D. INVENTORY

Display the recreation site inventory characteristics before and after 5-year Program of Work development. Display by site type and display other recreation site program characteristics including capacity, number of sites with drinking water and waste water systems, and the annual maintenance cost for drinking and waste water systems and buildings.

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B.	INVENTORY CHARACTERISTICS	BASELINE CONDITION (Benchmark Data)	PROGRAM OF WORK - CHANGED CONDITION	PROGRAM OF WORK - CHANGED CONDITION	PROGRAM OF WORK - CHANGED CONDITION
			CATEGORY A & B Sites	CATEGORY C Sites	CATEGORY D Sites
TIER SITE TYPE CATEGORY	CAMPGROUND DEV SCALE 2	4	4	0	0
	CAMPGROUND DEV SCALE 3	17	15	0	2
	CAMPGROUND DEV SCALE 4-5	6	6	0	0
	PICNIC SITE DEV SCALE 2-3	3	1	0	2
	PICNIC SITE DEV SCALE 4-5	4	4	0	0
	TRAILHEAD	19	17	0	2
	BOATING/ SWIM SITES/ FISHING SITES	23	23	0	0
	INTERP MAJOR/VC	0	0	0	0
	GROUP CAMPGROUND/ GROUP PICNIC	1	1	0	0
	CABINS/LOOK-OUTS	13	13	0	0
	INTERP MINOR/ OBSERVATION/ INFO SITES	2	1	0	1
	HORSE CAMP	1	1	0	0
	INFO SITE ADMIN	1	1	0	0
	OTHER 1	0	0	0	0
	OTHER 2	0	0	0	0
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS	CAPACITY (PAOT)**	6,899	6,484	0	172
	CAPACITY (PAOT-DAYS)**	1,299,903	1,052,334	0	31,622
	# SITES w/ DRINKING WATER SYSTEM \$	12	12	0	0
	# SITES w/ WASTEWATER SYSTEM \$	13	13	0	0
	DW SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINT COST	\$ 6,922	\$ 6,922	\$ -	\$ -
	WW SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINT COST	\$ 1,566	\$ 1,566	\$ -	\$ -
	BUILDING ANNUAL MAINT COST	\$ 63,164	\$ 61,403	\$ -	\$ 1,760

\*\*Sum of columns E, F, G do not equal column D due to capacity changes in CATEGORY A and B sites

E. RESULTS

Describe the significant programmatic results of the ranking process.

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<b>C1.</b>	<b>PROGRAMMATIC RESULTS</b>	<b>BASELINE CONDITION (Benchmark Data)</b>	<b>PROGRAM OF WORK - CHANGED CONDITION (does not include CATEGORY C and D sites)</b>	<b>Program of Work PERCENT CHANGE (does not include CATEGORY C and D sites)</b>
<b>METRICS</b>	AVERAGE NICHE CONFORMANCE SCORE	15.91	16.70	<b>5%</b>
	AVERAGE DEVELOPMENT SCALE	3.14	3.18	<b>1%</b>
	AVERAGE UNDERSERVED POPULATION SCORE	1.09	1.10	<b>2%</b>
	% OF CAPACITY ACCESSIBLE	36.4%	38.7%	<b>6%</b>
	% OF CAPACITY W/ ACCESSIBLE FURNISHINGS ONLY	0.3%	0.4%	<b>6%</b>
	PAOT-DAYS TO REGIONAL REQUIRED STANDARDS	676,324	1,052,334	<b>56%</b>
	CAPACITY (PAOT)	6,899	6,484	<b>-6%</b>
	CAPACITY (PAOT-DAYS)	1,299,903	1,052,334	<b>-19%</b>
	ANNUAL O&M COST PER PAOT DAY	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.19	<b>-26%</b>
	ANNUAL NET O&M COST PER VISIT	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.23	<b>-60%</b>

<b>C2.</b>	<b>PROGRAMMATIC RESULTS</b>	<b>BASELINE CONDITION (Benchmark Data)</b>	<b>PROGRAM OF WORK - CHANGED CONDITION (does not include CATEGORY D sites)</b>	<b>Program of Work PERCENT CHANGE (does not include CATEGORY D sites)</b>
	TOTAL DEFERRED MAINTENANCE	\$ 985,515	\$ 403,088	<b>-59%</b>

### 3. RECREATION SITES PRIORITY RANKING REPORT

List the Forest's Recreation sites in rank score priority order. Include site type, site rank score, site Tier Category, planned management season, and planned site capacity.

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SITE COUNT

#### 8. REPORT: 5-Year Program of Work - Table of Ranked Site Planned Operating Season & Capacity

MNG ORG	SITE NAME	SITE TYPE	TOTAL RANK SCORE	TIER CATEGORY	PLANNED OPENING DATE	PLANNED CLOSING DATE	PLANNED CAPACITY [PAOT]
11001	SWAN LAKE BOAT	BOATING SITE	92	CATEGORY B	1-Apr	15-Nov	91
11006	CAMP MISERY TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	92	CATEGORY B	15-May	31-Oct	210
11001	HOLLAND LAKE BOAT	BOATING SITE	80	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	91
11006	WEST GLACIER RIVER ACCESS	BOATING SITE	87	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	105
11001	LINDBERGH LAKE BOAT	BOATING SITE	86	CATEGORY B	15-May	26-Sep	35
11001	LINDBERGH LAKE CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	86	CATEGORY B	15-May	26-Sep	110
11001	SWAN LAKE PICNIC	PICNIC SITE	91	CATEGORY B	1-Apr	15-Nov	110
11007	BIG CREEK CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	82	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	415
11007	SCHNAUS CABIN	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	79	CATEGORY B	1-Jan	31-Dec	12
11008	TALLY LAKE PICNIC	PICNIC SITE	80	CATEGORY B	29-May	15-Sep	105
11006	LOST JOHNNY CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	79	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	25
11006	MOCCASIN CREEK RIVER ACCESS	BOATING SITE	82	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	77
11007	FORD RIVER ACCESS	BOATING SITE	82	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	70
11001	GLACIER LAKE TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	81	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	18-Oct	70
11001	SWAN LAKE CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	81	CATEGORY B	15-May	26-Sep	280
11004	SPOTTED BEAR CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	81	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	65
11006	ABBOT BAY	BOATING SITE	81	CATEGORY B	15-Apr	30-Nov	140
11008	ASHLEY LAKE NORTH	CAMPGROUND	77	CATEGORY B	29-May	15-Sep	30
11008	TALLY LAKE CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	78	CATEGORY B	29-May	15-Sep	255
11008	TALLY LAKE SWIM	SWIMMING SITE	74	CATEGORY B	29-May	15-Sep	39
11001	SWAN LAKE SWIM	SWIMMING SITE	80	CATEGORY B	1-Apr	15-Nov	140
11006	DORIS CREEK BOAT	BOATING SITE	80	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	50
11007	BEN ROVER CABIN	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	80	CATEGORY B	1-Jan	31-Dec	8
11008	STILLWATER LAKE CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	83	CATEGORY B	29-May	15-Oct	29
11001	HOLLAND LAKE CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	79	CATEGORY B	15-May	26-Sep	280
11001	HOLLAND LAKE SWIM	SWIMMING SITE	68	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	15-Sep	140
11007	GLACIER RIM RIVER ACCESS	BOATING SITE	83	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	70
11007	WURTZ CABIN	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	78	CATEGORY B	1-Jan	31-Dec	20
11008	SYLVIA LAKE CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	75	CATEGORY B	29-May	5-Sep	20
11001	EAST HOLLAND CONNECTOR	TRAILHEAD	77	CATEGORY B	1-May	16-Nov	105
11004	BEAVER CREEK CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	77	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Nov	37
11004	CROSSOVER BOAT RAMP	BOATING SITE	70	CATEGORY B	1-Jul	15-Sep	25
11006	CASCADILLA FLAT RIVER ACCESS	BOATING SITE	70	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	35
11008	TALLY LAKE GROUP PICNIC	GROUP PICNIC SITE	74	CATEGORY B	29-May	15-Sep	100
11008	STAR MEADOWS GUARD STATION	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	67	CATEGORY B	1-Jan	31-Dec	10
11006	MURRAY BAY CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	71	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	190
11007	FORD CABIN	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	75	CATEGORY B	20-May	10-Mar	8

MNG ORG	SITE NAME	SITE TYPE	TOTAL RANK SCORE	TIER CATEGORY	PLANNED OPENING DATE	PLANNED CLOSING DATE	PLANNED CAPACITY [PAOT]
11007	GREAT NORTHERN FLATS RIVER ACCESS	BOATING SITE	74	CATEGORY B	15-Apr	30-Nov	53
11001	HOLLAND LAKE PICNIC	PICNIC SITE	77	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	25
11006	EMERY BAY CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	70	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	315
11001	OWL CREEK PACKER CAMP	TRAILHEAD	72	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	30-Nov	88
11004	SOUTH CREEK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	68	CATEGORY B	15-Aug	15-Nov	57
11004	SPOTTED BEAR COMPOUND DAY USE SITE	FISHING SITE	71	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Nov	25
11006	LOST JOHNNY POINT CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	68	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	150
11008	TALLY LAKE BOAT	BOATING SITE	71	CATEGORY B	1-May	15-Oct	53
11006	BEAR CREEK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	70	CATEGORY B	1-May	30-Nov	245
11006	RIVERSIDE	BOATING SITE	57	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	42
11008	ASHLEY LAKE BOAT	BOATING SITE	70	CATEGORY B	29-May	15-Oct	20
11001	COLD LAKES TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	69	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	18-Oct	35
11004	PETER'S CREEK CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	64	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	30
11006	SOUTH LION LAKE PICNIC	PICNIC SITE	67	CATEGORY B	1-May	30-Nov	100
11006	PAOLA RIVER ACCESS	BOATING SITE	63	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	35
11007	CANADIAN BORDER RIVER ACCESS	BOATING SITE	66	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	42
11007	RED MEADOW LAKE CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	62	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	30
11004	SILVERTIP CABIN	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	58	CATEGORY B	1-Jul	7-Sep	4
11004	TRAIL CREEK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	65	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Nov	21
11006	NORTH LION LAKE PICNIC	PICNIC SITE	65	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	115
11001	OWL CREEK CABIN	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	63	CATEGORY B	1-Jan	31-Dec	4
11006	GRAVES CREEK CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	63	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	30-Sep	20
11007	POLEBRIDGE RIVER ACCESS	BOATING SITE	63	CATEGORY B	1-May	31-Oct	53
11004	GORGE CREEK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	62	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Nov	21
11007	CANYON CREEK SNOWPARK	SNOWPARK	60	CATEGORY B	1-Dec	15-Apr	315
11007	MOOSE LAKE CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	56	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	31-Oct	15
11004	SILVERTIP TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	56	CATEGORY B	1-Jul	31-Aug	21
11006	GEIFER CREEK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	59	CATEGORY B	1-May	29-Nov	53
11006	LAKEVIEW CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	59	CATEGORY D	1-Jun	30-Nov	25
11006	LID CREEK CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	59	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	150
11006	ZIP'S PLACE CABIN	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	59	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	31-Mar	8
11006	DEVIL CREEK CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	51	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	70
11008	HOLBROOK OVERLOOK	PICNIC SITE	54	CATEGORY D	29-May	5-Sep	18
11004	MEADOW CREEK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	57	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Nov	100
11004	MIDDLE BIG BILL TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	46	CATEGORY B	1-Jul	31-Aug	10
11006	HANDKERCHIEF LAKE CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	57	CATEGORY D	1-Jun	30-Nov	45
11001	SWAN LAKE GUARD STATION	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	56	CATEGORY B	1-Jan	31-Dec	4
11006	MORRISON CREEK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	56	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	30-Nov	42
11008	ASHLEY LAKE SOUTH CG	CAMPGROUND	52	CATEGORY B	29-May	5-Sep	10
11001	BEARDANCE	PICNIC SITE	49	CATEGORY D	1-Apr	30-Nov	20
11006	CANYON CREEK BOAT	BOATING SITE	54	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	1-Dec	35
11007	TUCHUCK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	45	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	35
11006	DEVIL'S CORKSCREW CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	52	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	55
11001	MISSION LOOKOUT	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	51	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	23-Sep	4
11004	UPPER TWIN TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	51	CATEGORY D	15-May	30-Nov	11
11006	ELK ISLAND CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	51	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	35
11008	ROUND MEADOWS X-C SKI	SKI AREA NORDIC	59	CATEGORY B	20-Dec	4-Sep	175

MNG ORG	SITE NAME	SITE TYPE	TOTAL RANK SCORE	TIER CATEGORY	PLANNED OPENING DATE	PLANNED CLOSING DATE	PLANNED CAPACITY [PAOT]
11001	HOLLAND LAKE INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	48	CATEGORY B	1-May	1-Nov	35
11007	TUCHUCK CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	40	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	35
11006	GRANITE CREEK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	51	CATEGORY B	1-Jun	30-Nov	28
11006	DEVIL CREEK TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	46	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Nov	28
11006	FIRE ISLAND CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND	46	CATEGORY B	15-May	30-Sep	20
11007	HORNET LOOKOUT	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	38	CATEGORY B	2-May	30-Oct	4
11007	NINKO CABIN	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	57	CATEGORY B	1-Jul	31-Mar	7
11006	CHALLENGE CABIN	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	52	CATEGORY B	1-Jul	14-May	6
11006	WOUNDED BUCK OBSERVATION	OBSERVATION SITE	37	CATEGORY D	1-Jun	1-Dec	35
11004	UPPER BIG BILL TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD	29	CATEGORY D			18

#### 4. TABLE OF TASKS

##### A. SITE-SPECIFIC TASKS

For each Recreation Site, include tasks (Management Option Codes), one-time cost to implement and pertinent documentation.

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**\$218,798** RECOMMENDED MAXIMUM ONE-TIME COST TO IMPLEMENT TASKS

**\$560,150** TOTAL ONE-TIME COST TO IMPLEMENT TASKS

8a. INFO ENTRY: 5-Year Proposed Program of Work - Table of Tasks						
MANAGING ORG	SITE NAME or PROGRAMMATIC ACTION	TASK	START DATE	FINISH DATE	ONE-TIME COST TO IMPLEMENT ACTION	TASK COMMENTS
11001	BEARDANCE	D3,D4,K2	FY07		\$1,000	Remove tables, grills and toilet. Change site type to a CUA, trailhead.
11001	COLD LAKES TRAILHEAD	NC3			\$0	..
11001	EAST HOLLAND CONNECTOR	NC1			\$0	..
11001	GLACIER LAKE TRAILHEAD	NC3			\$0	..
11001	HOLLAND LAKE BOAT	C2	FY07		\$0	Reduce season of use to 5/1-10/31
11001	HOLLAND LAKE CAMPGROUND	NC2			\$0	
11001	HOLLAND LAKE INTERP	H1	FY07		\$0	FS to no longer provide brochures.
11001	HOLLAND LAKE PICNIC	C1	FY06		\$0	Add to season to match Holland Lake Boat area season
11001	HOLLAND LAKE SWIM	C2	FY07		\$0	Reduce Swim season to 6/1-9/15
11001	LINDBERGH LAKE BOAT	H1	FY07		\$0	No Fee
11001	LINDBERGH LAKE CAMPGROUND	H1,I3	FY07		\$1,200	begin charging fee for camping, install fee tube and required signing for fees.
11001	MISSION LOOKOUT	I4,D7,C2	FY07		\$0	Reduced season, reduced clean-up costs
11001	OWL CREEK CABIN	I4	FY07		\$0	
11001	OWL CREEK PACKER CAMP	C1,F9, H1, I3,I4	FY07		\$1,200	reduce mtce to reflect CIP corral replacement in 07, increase collections from corral users, start fee for public camp spots. Extend season to end of hunting season

11001	SWAN LAKE BOAT	C2			\$0	..
11001	SWAN LAKE CAMPGROUND	NC2			\$0	..
11001	SWAN LAKE GUARD STATION	I3,F9	FY07		\$0	Update INFRA DM with estimate of \$60,000, target for public rent in FY07
11001	SWAN LAKE PICNIC	C2			\$0	..
11001	SWAN LAKE SWIM	C2			\$0	..
11004	BEAVER CREEK CAMPGROUND	C1			\$0	Early SST needs to be retrofitted to improve venting, shows on DM.
11004	CROSSOVER BOAT RAMP	C2	FY07		\$150	Does not need a SST, DM reduced.Reduce season to 7/1-9/15, closure device to be a sign.
11004	GORGE CREEK TRAILHEAD	C1			\$0	..
11004	MEADOW CREEK TRAILHEAD	C1			\$0	2-Early SSTs need to be retrofitted to improve venting, shows on DM
11004	MIDDLE BIG BILL TRAILHEAD	C2	FY07		\$0	Reduce season to 7/1-8/31
11004	PETER'S CREEK CAMPGROUND	C2	FY07		\$150	Reduce season and install sign
11004	SILVERTIP CABIN	C2,C4,I3	FY07		\$0	Existing costs for cabin to come on line plus \$10,000 for new toilet. Reduced DM reflects RAC grant. Season of use 7/1-9/7 weekends only.
11004	SILVERTIP TRAILHEAD	C2	FY07		\$0	Season of operation 7/1-8/31
11004	SOUTH CREEK TRAILHEAD	C2	FY07		\$150	Early SST needs to be retrofitted to improve venting, shows on DM. Reduced season to be 8/15-11/15, closure device to be a sign.
11004	SPOTTED BEAR CAMPGROUND	C2	FY07		\$150	Reduce season to 5/15-9/30, closure device to be a sign.
11004	SPOTTED BEAR COMPOUND DAY USE SITE	D7,C2	FY07		\$0	\$5000 may reduce to zero.
11004	TRAIL CREEK TRAILHEAD	C1			\$0	..
11004	UPPER BIG BILL TRAILHEAD	K2, D7	FY07		\$200	Remove the bulletin board, this site will not be available to the public.
11004	UPPER TWIN TRAILHEAD	D3,D5,K2	FY07		\$1,000	SST not needed, site scheduled to become a dispersed site.
11006	ABBOT BAY	F6,H1,I3,C1	FY09		\$56,000	CIP, for reconstruction project, heavy equip to reshape area and for road work. Also to install fee tube and required signs.
11006	BEAR CREEK TRAILHEAD	D5,H3,C1	FY07		\$0	..
11006	CAMP MISERY TRAILHEAD	H2,H3,C1	FY07		\$0	..

11006	CANYON CREEK BOAT	NC1			\$0	..
11006	CASCADILLA FLAT RIVER ACCESS	H2,C2	FY07		\$150	reduced ops by \$632 reflecting river ranger work/O&G fees
11006	CHALLENGE CABIN	C1,I4	FY07		\$0	increase operating season to open 7/1-5/14. Increase fees by charging weekday vs. weekend rates.
11006	DEVIL CREEK CAMPGROUND	C2,I4	FY07		\$0	Maintain site with vol. Hosts, revenue to equal operating costs. Reduce season by closing gate at end of season. Increase fees in 07
11006	DEVIL CREEK TRAILHEAD	D5,C2	FY07		\$400	maintain with same hosts at the Devil Creek CG and remove the stock loading ramp.
11006	DEVIL'S CORKSCREW CAMPGROUND	C2	FY07		\$150	Reduce the operating season by installing a sign
11006	DORIS CREEK BOAT	F9,H1,I3,J2,C2	FY09		\$290,000	This will make site into a fee CG and managed by a Concess. 90,000 CMFC, 200,000 CMRD
11006	ELK ISLAND CAMPGROUND	H2,H3,C2	FY07		\$0	..
11006	EMERY BAY CAMPGROUND	C2	FY07		\$0	Reduce the operating season by closing the existing gate.
11006	FIRE ISLAND CAMPGROUND	H2,H3,C2	FY07		\$0	..
11006	GEIFER CREEK TRAILHEAD	H2	FY07		\$0	..
11006	GRANITE CREEK TRAILHEAD	H2,C1	FY07		\$0	..
11006	GRAVES CREEK CAMPGROUND	F6,F16,D4,J2,C2	FY07		\$2,500	Remove tables, grills, and toilet on the reservoir side. Upgrade creekside portion with a SST, provide ADA camping. New sign on 895 road that gives distance to new
11006	HANDKERCHIEF LAKE CAMPGROUND	K2,D3,D4	FY08		\$4,000	change to a CUA
11006	LAKEVIEW CAMPGROUND	D4,K2	FY10		\$2,000	Site to be a CUA
11006	LID CREEK CAMPGROUND	C2,F9	FY07		\$1,100	. Reduce season to 5/15-9/30, use a gate to show change of operations.
11006	LOST JOHNNY CAMPGROUND	F9,J1,C2	FY09		\$175,000	CIP, CMFC-75,000,, CMRD-100,000
11006	LOST JOHNNY POINT CAMPGROUND	C2,F16,D4	FY08		\$600	Reduce season of use to 9/30 by closing existing gate. Remove 2 old pit toilets and replace the water system generator.
11006	MOCCASIN CREEK RIVER ACCESS	H2,C2	FY07		\$150	reduced ops by \$627 reflecting river ranger work/O&G fees
11006	MORRISON CREEK TRAILHEAD	H2,C2	FY07		\$0	..
11006	MURRAY BAY CAMPGROUND	C2, F16,A2,J2	FY07		\$11,100	Decomission one CG loop, its already closed. Construct Host site for remaining loop. Add a gate
11006	NORTH LION LAKE PICNIC	I3,H1,C2,D8	FY07		\$1,200	Reduce season to 5/15-9/30, install fee tube and required fee signs.

11006	PAOLA RIVER ACCESS	H2,C2	FY07		\$150	reduced season of operation to May 1 to Oct 31, sign to be installed with rationale
11006	RIVERSIDE	C2,H1,I3	FY08		\$150	Add to the Murray Bay CG Concess operations and charge a fee for day use.
11006	SOUTH LION LAKE PICNIC	I3,H1,C2,	FY08		\$1,200	Close existing gate on Nov 30, add to Concess operations and charge fee. Install fee tube and required fee signs.
11006	WEST GLACIER RIVER ACCESS	C2	FY07		\$150	Season of operation reduced to May 1 to Oct 31, sign to be installed with rationale.
11006	WOUNDED BUCK OBSERVATION	K2,D3	FY08		\$500	Remove toilet and site to become a CUA
11006	ZIP'S PLACE CABIN	I4,C1	FY07		\$0	increase fees with a different rates between weekend and weekdays.
11007	BEN ROVER CABIN	I4,C1	FY07		\$0	increase fees with a different rates between weekend and weekdays.
11007	BIG CREEK CAMPGROUND	C2	FY07		\$1,100	Install gate and close on 9/30 to reduce season.
11007	CANADIAN BORDER RIVER ACCESS	H2,C1	FY07		\$150	reduced season of operation to May 1 to Oct 31, sign to be installed with rationale
11007	CANYON CREEK SNOWPARK	C2			\$0	..
11007	FORD CABIN	I4,C1	FY07		\$0	Increase fees with a different rates between weekend and weekdays.
11007	FORD RIVER ACCESS	H2,C1	FY07		\$150	reduced season of operation to May 1 to Oct 31, sign to be installed with rationale
11007	GLACIER RIM RIVER ACCESS	C1,H2	FY07		\$150	reduced season of operation to May 1 to Oct 31, sign to be installed with rationale
11007	GREAT NORTHERN FLATS RIVER ACCESS	F16,C1	FY07		\$150	reduced season of operation to may 1 to Oct 31, sign to be installed with rationale. Harden parking areas, make a loop drive.
11007	HORNET LOOKOUT	I4, F16, C2	FY07		\$0	Reduce open season to 5/2-10/30, increase fees with difference between weekdays and weekends
11007	MOOSE LAKE CAMPGROUND	C2	FY07		\$150	Use sign to notify users of shortened operating season 6/1-10/31
11007	NINKO CABIN	I4,C3,C1	FY07		\$0	changed operating season to 12/1--3/31 and open again 7/1--10/31.
11007	POLEBRIDGE RIVER ACCESS	H2,C1	FY07		\$150	reduced season of operation to May 1 to Oct 31, sign to be installed with rationale.
11007	RED MEADOW LAKE CAMPGROUND	H2,H3,C2	FY07		\$150	reduced season of operation to may 15 to Sept 30, sign to be installed with rationale
11007	SCHNAUS CABIN	I4,C1	FY07		\$0	Increase fees with a different rates between weekend and weekdays.
11007	TUCHUCK CAMPGROUND	H3,C2	FY07		\$150	Have planned on the BCHS to be partners to reduce the O&M costs, reduced operating season to May 15 to , sign to be installed to show rationale.
11007	TUCHUCK TRAILHEAD	H3,C2	FY07		\$0	try and match same partner at the Campground with the Trailhead

11007	WURTZ CABIN	I3,C1	FY07		\$0	Start cabin rental 6/2006. Season of use is 1/1-12/31
11008	ASHLEY LAKE BOAT	H3,C1	FY07		\$0	Potential volunteers from local Homeowners group
11008	ASHLEY LAKE NORTH	C2	FY07		\$1,100	Reduce season to 5/29 -9/15, install gate
11008	ASHLEY LAKE SOUTH CG	C2, F12, F16	FY07		\$2,100	Reduce season to 5/29-9/15, install gate, also install 2 picnic tables
11008	HOLBROOK OVERLOOK	K2,D3,D4	FY07		\$600	Partnership with MDOT for facility removal, change site to a CUA
11008	ROUND MEADOWS X-C SKI	H3,K2,C1	FY07		\$0	Change from a recreation site to a trailhead
11008	STAR MEADOWS GUARD STATION	H3,F14	FY07		\$0	Volunteers to help clean facility
11008	STILLWATER LAKE CAMPGROUND	C3,F9,C1	FY08		\$0	Removed DM with a CIP in 2008
11008	SYLVIA LAKE CAMPGROUND	C2	FY07		\$150	Reduce season to 5/29-9/15, install a sign to closure reasons
11008	TALLY LAKE BOAT	F16,C1	FY07		\$0	Concrete boat ramp needs replacement, shown in DM.
11008	TALLY LAKE CAMPGROUND	C2	FY07		\$2,200	2 gates needed to shorten the season of use on most of facility. This will still allow for boat ramp use and some limited camping
11008	TALLY LAKE GROUP PICNIC	C2	FY07		\$0	..
11008	TALLY LAKE PICNIC	C2	FY07		\$0	..
11008	TALLY LAKE SWIM	C2	FY07		\$0	..

B. PROGRAMMATIC ACTIONS

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**8b. INFO ENTRY: 5-Year Proposed Program of Work - Programmatic Actions**

ACTION	LEAD	TIME FRAME
Do Forest-wide recreation rental business plan with the goal of a self-sustaining or money-making program covering O&M and possibly DM	Bruce lead. Determine what is "Forest Program"?How to deal with Septic issues? Can the cabins be a stand alone program?	May, 2006
Develop a toilet placement efficiency strategy for corridors or settings	Bruce - lead.. Goal of reducing the number of toilets and look at other options for containment to reduce dispersed site sanitation problems.	2008
Evaluate all the water systems using the Engineering Decision Tree, develop schedule of maintenance	Bruce and Peter - leads	Sept, 2006
Funding sources: PIT project approx \$10,000/project, CIP \$100,000/year avg, GT Offset \$10,000/year, Historic grant opportunities for listed sites, other grant or partnerships.	Bruce - lead	ongoing at budget review
Develop 5 year CIP recreation project list based on RS-FMP results	Bruce - lead	ongoing at CIP submittal
Review ranking tool costs with Engineering, update with changes	Peter & Bruce	March, 2006
Develop criteria for public notification of site operation and status during off season.	Bruce and Flathead Rec group to determine different options to shut sites down for the season. Could vary from gates to signs, ect.	summer, 2006
Concession review in preparation of completion of 5 year contract	Bruce and Terry Knupp	2008
Draft talking points about RS-FMP niche and proposed action items, coordinate with Lolo and Bitterroot NF's	Terry K, Bruce, Elizabeth, Mary, and PAO's	March, 2006
Develop Communication Plan for sharing RS-FMP and link to FPR, internally and externally	Terry K, Bruce, Elizabeth, Mary, PAO's, FPR reps	April, 2006
Develop talking points/comm plan for REA and fee increases, and the timeline	Terry K, Bruce, Elizabeth, Mary, PAO's	spring/ summer, 2006
Consider "no net gain in O&M" as forest reviews new/increased infrastructure.	Link to CIP review/design team	ongoing
Complete a Hungry Horse Recreation management plan, include facility and people management strategies	Paula Peterson	FY-07