



# MONTANA\_DAKOTAS

## Missoula

Field Office

### Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2024

#### Garnet Seasonals and Volunteers



Pete and Susan Shepard, Garnet Volunteers

**Amount Expended: \$64,000.00**

2024 was a very successful year for staffing at Garnet. We were able to hire 4 seasonal park rangers, including 1 emergency hire. We were also able to host 2 volunteers for the entirety of the season, and 2 additional volunteers in late July and August. Because of these fine folks we were able to provide an even better experience for our visitors. We were able to accommodate more school tours, better maintain our grounds and provide assistance to interdisciplinary projects happening around Garnet.

#### Garnet Interpretive Day



Kids Panning for Gold at Garnet

**Amount Expended: \$6,000.00**

Garnet Day 2024 was a very successful event. We were able to take advantage of a larger staff to offer some unique experiences such as gold panning demonstrations, more intimate interpretive programs and fair games. They were also able to assist in certain essential duties, like parking management, visitor center sales and EMT support. We had around 400 visitors in attendance.

### Revenue & Expenditures

FY24 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$59,106.05
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$17,958.05
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$6,320.00
<b>Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY24</b>	<b>\$83,384.10</b>
<b>Carryover from Prior Years</b>	<b>\$104,556.23</b>
<b>Total Available Funds for FY24</b>	<b>\$187,940.33</b>

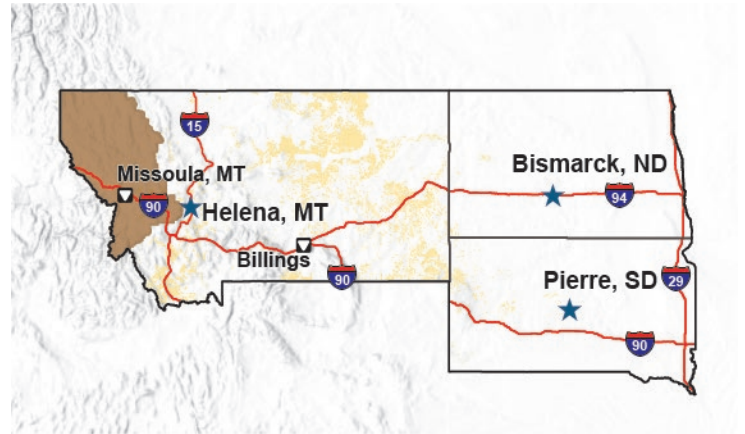
FY24 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,250.00
Visitor Services	\$5,138.20
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$235.44
Collections/Overhead	\$7,751.82
<b>Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY24</b>	<b>\$15,375.46</b>
<b>Total Carryover Funds for FY25</b>	<b>\$172,564.87</b>



Other Accomplishments

- In 2024, we were able to host 28 school tours, reaching 485 students and 118 adults.
- Garnet was able to accomplish many of our maintenance goals this past season, including the stabilization of several historic buildings, and the installation of several interpretive signs.
- In October of 2024, we were able to bring on a new Outdoor Recreation Planner, Nick Bode. His duties will specifically be focused on Garnet and its surrounding areas.

Vicinity Map



Planned Activities



Aerial Photo of Garnet Day

In 2025, we hope to utilize our rising fee revenue to hire up to 5 seasonal rangers, several more than we have been able to accommodate in the past. This staff will include a ranger dedicated to maintenance, a new position for our office. We hope to use our fee dollars to bring on and train a number of new volunteers to Garnet, including teachers on a 60-day emergency hire to help provide school tours.

FY25 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$22,644.00
Visitor Services	\$65,430.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Inventory, Monitoring and Planning	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
<b>Total Planned Expenditures for FY25</b>	<b>\$88,074.00</b>
<b>Total Projected funds for FY25</b>	<b>\$172,564.87</b>
<b>FY25 Balance after Planned Expenditures</b>	<b>\$84,490.87</b>

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[Published FLREA Triennial Report](https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/)

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[Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans](https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrea-revenue)

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[Bureau of Land Management's Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation](https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-08/Blueprint%20for%2021st%20Century%20Outdoor%20Recreation508.pdf)

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Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

