

BLM-MONTANA/DAKOTAS

Recreation and Its Economic Impact

BLM



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages and facilitates recreational activities across more than 245 million acres of public land under its jurisdiction. About 58 million visits are made annually to BLM-managed lands and waters, supporting 59,000 jobs nationwide and contributing \$7 billion in economic activity.

MONTANA AND THE DAKOTAS' TOP FIVE VISITOR ACTIVITIES ON BLM-MANAGED LAND IN FISCAL YEAR 2012

Activity	Visitor Days
Camping and picnicking	1,370,675
Hunting	598,953
Nonmotorized travel (hiking, biking, etc.)	452,781
Interpretation, education, and nature study	413,943
Off-highway vehicle travel	267,787

How Collected Fees Enhance THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

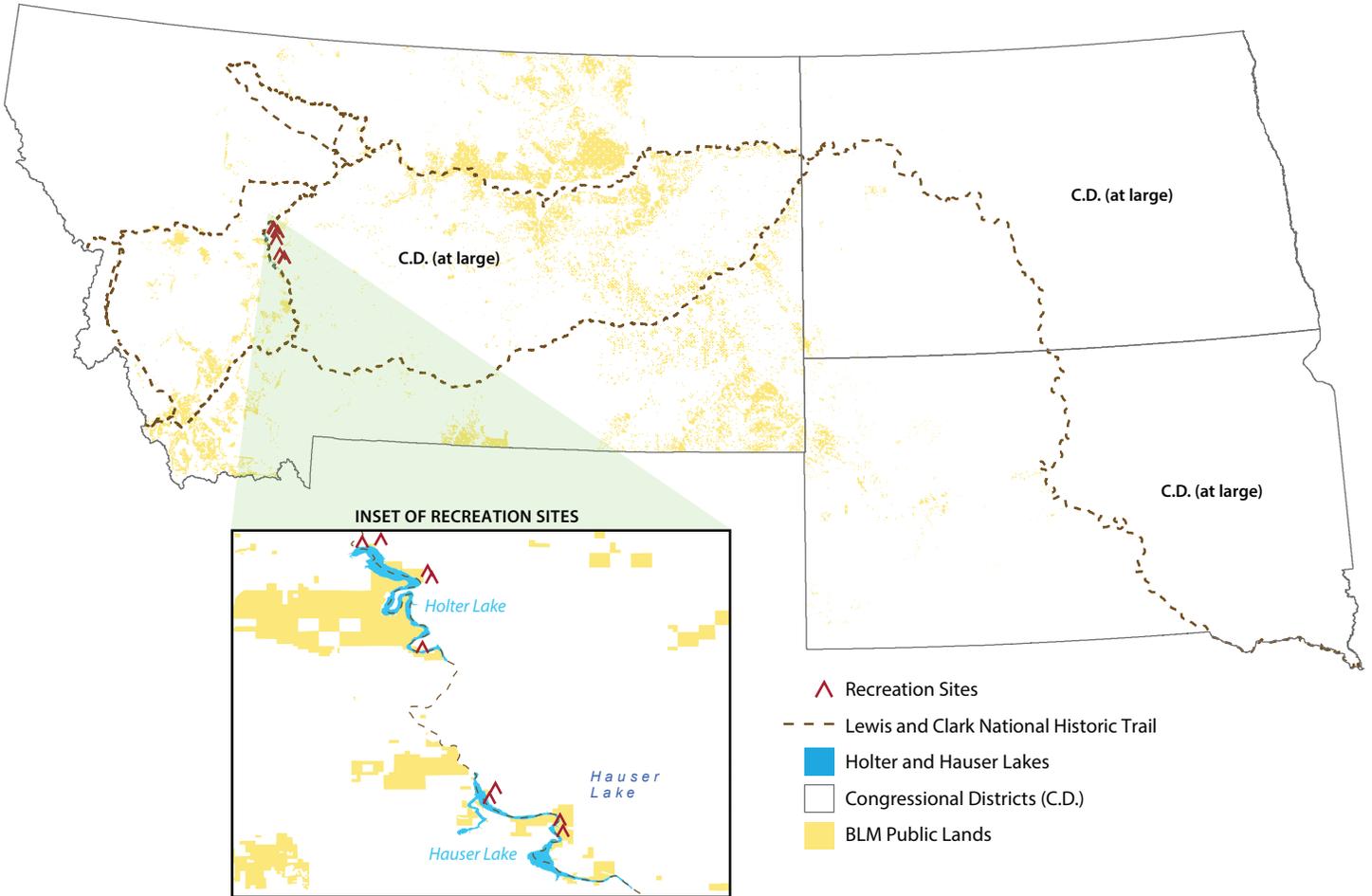
- ◆ Shepherd Ah Nei Recreation Area used collected fees to fund the removal of obsolete and hazardous grazing facilities along its off-highway vehicle area boundaries in 2011.
- ◆ In 2011, fees from Pompeys Pillar National Monument were used to support interpretation and education programs for more than 500 youth from Montana and northern Wyoming.
- ◆ Garnet Ghost Town employs a historian, who is paid using revenue from collected fees.

RECREATION: A Sound Investment

- ◆ Recreation on BLM-managed lands and waters in Montana and the Dakotas supported nearly 4,000 jobs and contributed \$317 million to the region's economy in fiscal year (FY) 2011.
- ◆ During FY 2011, more than 4 million recorded visits were made to lands and waters managed by BLM-Montana/Dakotas.
- ◆ BLM-Montana/Dakotas' 32 recreational fee sites collected nearly \$400,000 in FY 2012. The fees collected are reinvested at local sites.



Congressional Districts MONTANA, NORTH DAKOTA, and SOUTH DAKOTA



KEY RECREATIONAL AREAS IN MONTANA

Holter Lake Recreation Area

Why People Go: Located 40 miles north of Helena, Holter Lake provides great fishing, camping, and boating opportunities. It also offers visitors a glimpse of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Holter Lake's five fee sites attracted nearly 200,000 visitors in 2012.

Things to See and Do: Fishing is extremely popular on Holter Lake, due to the abundance of kokanee salmon, walleye, rainbow trout, and perch. Visitors often choose to combine fishing trips with camping, boating, wildlife viewing, sightseeing, and other recreational activities.

Fees: Camping costs \$10 or \$15 per night, depending on the site. Day use costs \$5 per vehicle or \$40 per vehicle for a season day-use pass. Group reservations cost \$50 per group.



Hauser Lake

Why People Go: Hauser Lake is a 3,200-acre reservoir on the Missouri River created by the Hauser Dam just northeast of Helena. The BLM has several sites along the lake's shore, including campgrounds, day-use areas, and boat launches. In 2012, more than 200,000 people visited Hauser Lake's 11 BLM sites.

Things to See and Do: Most people who visit Hauser Lake come to boat or fish. The lake yields rainbow and brown trout, walleye, perch, and kokanee salmon. The recreational sites offer docks, boat launches, and a fish-cleaning station, as well as day-use areas and campsites. Visitors also come to Hauser Lake to ice skate, use the beach, picnic, water ski, swim, and watch wildlife.

Fees: Camping costs \$15 per night. Day use costs \$5 per vehicle or \$25 per vehicle for a seasonal day-use pass. Group picnic reservations are \$50. Group camping reservations are \$50, plus \$10 per night.