



# FIRE PROTECTION

**OUR MISSION:** We protect lives, property and natural resources from wildfire by providing safe and effective services to Montana's citizens as well as leadership, coordination and resources to the State's wildfire organizations.



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

DNRC is the State of Montana's wildland fire response agency. In close coordination with our partners, the DNRC ensures wildfire protection on over 55 million acres of state and private lands.

### OUR VALUES

- Firefighter and public safety is and always will be our highest priority.
- A dynamic and diverse workforce forms the foundation of our success; we invest in the recruitment, training and development of that workforce.
- We are resilient and rapidly recover from setbacks.
- We are fiscally responsible and accountable for our efficiency.
- We are entrusted by the public and our employees to act with integrity.
- We are professionals; our success depends on healthy relationships, both internal and external.

### STATE FIRE POLICY

The safety of the public and firefighters is paramount in all wildfire suppression activities. Minimizing property and resource losses and to expenses to Montana taxpayers due to wildfires, is generally accomplished through an aggressive and rapid initial-attack effort.

Interagency cooperation and coordination among local, state, and federal agencies is intended and encouraged. All private property owners and federal and state public land management agencies have a responsibility to manage resources, mitigate fire hazards, and otherwise prevent fires on their property.

Sound forest management activities to reduce fire risk, such as thinning, prescribed burning, and insect and disease treatments, improve the overall diversity and vigor of forested landscapes and improve the condition of related water, wildlife, recreation, and aesthetic resources.

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

**3,496 PERSONNEL  
TRAINED**



Personnel trained in the state within 210 courses instructed.

**2,064  
WILDFIRES**



Total fires burned 124,997 acres, 286 of which were under direct DNRC protection.

**1,144 AVIATION  
HOURS**



Comprised of 594 helicopter hours and 550 fixed wing detection flight hours.

**15 ENGINES  
DEVELOPED**



13 Type 5 Wildland Engines and two Type 2 Water Tenders Developed.

# OUR PROGRAMS

## FIRE PROTECTION

### WHAT WE DO

**State/County Cooperative Fire Program:** The DNRC's fundamental intent in areas of County Co-op fire protection is to build and maintain the capacity of local governments, so that local firefighters routinely succeed on initial attack and avoid the need for state or federal assistance.

**Community Preparedness and Fire Prevention Program:** Program staff work to improve the abilities and resources of individuals and communities to better live with, adapt to, and recover from wildfire. To this end, we focus on the strategic areas of wildfire prevention, home and landowner outreach and education, evacuation preparedness, and effective landscape treatments to reduce wildfire risk.

**Training, Safety and Workforce Development:** DNRC has developed a comprehensive training program that supports all fire management activities including fire prevention, detection, and prescribed burns in addition to fire suppression. The agency designs, develops, and delivers training courses to its own permanent and seasonal firefighting personnel and to State/County Cooperative Fire Program personnel, at no cost, in every county in the state.

**Equipment Development and Communications:** is an integral part of the DNRC fire program supporting direct protection and county cooperative fire forces with fire suppression equipment and radio communication infrastructure.

**Mobilization & Coordination:** Interagency cooperation, communications, coordination, and to provide interagency fire management direction and all-risk support for the Northern Rockies Geographic Area.

**Planning and Intelligence:** Provides leadership, support, and coordination to manage and apply wildland fire planning processes and procedures using specialized analytical tools; facilitate, coordinate and document planning processes, decisions and results; and routinely collect, use, share and archive data to enable informed management decisions.

**Air Operations:** Maintain pilot proficiency and provide mission-capable aircraft to support departmental missions efficiently and safely. The Aviation Section operates and maintains a fleet of nine aircraft. The fleet consists of six helicopters and three fixed-wing aircraft.







# FORESTRY ASSISTANCE

**OUR MISSION:** We provide resources, tools, and forestry expertise to create resilient forests, sustainable economies, and vibrant, fire-adapted communities.



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

The people and programs of Forestry Assistance provide impactful solutions to the most pressing challenges facing Montana's forests and communities. Our efforts are aligned with the Montana Forest Action Plan; they are collaborative and provide service and leadership to the public and our partners.

Our work supports cross-boundary, landscape-scale projects. Our stewardship approach promotes working forests that are resilient to disturbance and a changing climate. We provide information that is current, accurate, reliable, and grounded in the best available science, and communicate that information using intuitive, state-of-the-art public interfaces.

We value the relationships with our partners and rely on the strength of these partnerships to deliver a coordinated approach to managing forests across ownerships.

## KEY PLANS AND POLICIES

**Montana Forest Action Plan:** Identifies priority areas for treatment and develops a cross-boundary plan to accomplish landscape-scale forest restoration.

**Streamside Management Zone Law:** Commonly referred to as the SMZ Law, the law regulates and prohibits certain activities within an SMZ.

**Timber Slash Debris and Forest Practice Notification Law:** Commonly referred to as HRA Law, the law requires the abatement of slash hazard on private lands.

**Co-op Forestry Act:** The 1978 Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act and other federal authorities authorize the US Forest Service to provide funding and support to States for state and private forestry programs.

**Forestry Assistance Strategic Plan:** A key component of a broad effort to be more focused, coordinated, efficient, and effective in delivering Forestry Assistance programs across the state.

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

**3,851 ACRES  
UNDER CONTRACT**



Number of acres under contract within the FAB Bureau.

**43 TREE CITIES**



Recognized Tree Cities with a combined total population of 524,879.

**2,625 LANDOWNERS  
SERVED**



Landowners served through all FAB programs including the Conservation Nursery.

**744,232  
TREES SOLD**



Trees grown and sold from the Montana Conservation Nursery.

# OUR PROGRAMS

## FORESTRY ASSISTANCE

### WHAT WE DO

**The Urban and Community Forestry Program** reaches over 50% of Montana's population every year with services to approximately 75 communities in the form of grants for planting and maintenance, technical expertise, and education to improve the health of community forests.

**The Stewardship Program** supported the treatment of approximately 2,000 acres on private and community forest land to reduce wildfire risk near communities. Nearly 1,000 landowners received technical and educational assistance through grant dollars for their forest ownership goals and objectives.

**The Forest Pest Management Program** assisted non-federal landowners and resource managers in preventing, identifying, and managing forest insects and diseases. The program offers training for 300 diverse audiences, financial assistance for forest treatments, and annual summaries of insect and disease conditions across the state.

**The Forest Practices Program** provides education and guidance on timber harvest and other forest operations in order to protect Montana's water quality in accordance with slash and stream protection laws.

**The Forest Products Program** provides technical assistance to support forest product businesses, large-scale forest biomass energy applications, market developments, and innovations. The program engages with the design-build sector to promote wood construction and Montana wood products and supports the state's industry retention efforts.

**The Local Government Assistance Program** provides grant funding, training, information, and technical support for counties, cities, and affiliated groups to strengthen their participation with federal forest land management. Since its inception in 2015, the program has helped local government significantly improve their engagement with federal forestry projects.

**The Nursery Program** provided 744,232 trees for conservation projects throughout the state of Montana in 2022. Conservation plantings are essential to perpetuate forested landscapes and maintain or enhance ecological function in urban settings, agricultural systems, and riparian areas.







# GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

Through the Good Neighbor Authority, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation partners with the USDA Forest Service and the USDI Bureau of Land Management to plan and implement forest restoration projects and address shared priorities.

Through our partnerships, GNA accelerates forest restoration and management, improves forest health and resiliency, reduces fuels and wildfire threats to communities, improves wildlife and fisheries habitat, and contributes to a consistent timber supply to support Montana's forest products industry.

## 2022 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 14 Timber sales reducing hazardous fuels and improving forest health on 4,305 acres
- One NEPA Categorical Exclusion
- 2,611 acres of Heritage Surveys
- 531 acres of thinning, piling, and fuels reduction
- 60 Road Closure improvements to provide secure wildlife habitat and enable forest restoration treatments to occur
- 12 miles of property line surveys in preparation for forest restoration treatments
- Six miles of road improvements to improve water quality and access the Trail Creek Fire Salvage GNA timber Sale

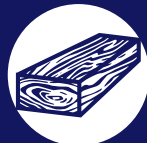
## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

**4,836**



**ACRES UNDER  
CONTRACT**

**22 MILLION**



**BOARD FEET  
SOLD**

**\$903,017**



**INVESTED IN  
SERVICE CONTRACTS**

**\$2.7 MILLION**



**STUMPAGE  
VALUE**

# OUR PROJECTS

GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY

## 2022 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

### **Pete Ridge - Flathead National Forest, Near Kalispell**

This project was designed address years of fire suppression that led to overstocked stands within the wildland urban interface and reduced forage for big game. Stands will be treated to retain healthy and large diameter trees such as Ponderosa Pine, Douglas-Fir, and western lark, reduce wildfire risk, and improve winter range conditions.

### **Colorado Gulch Project**

Located on a 240-acre parcel of densely forested BLM land near Helena, bounded by residential subdivision and roadless National Forest area, the project includes large areas of dead and down beetle killed ponderosa pine. To eliminate need for road construction and protect erodible soils, the successful bidder, Mote Lumber operated a cut-to-length logging system. Completion of the project significantly reduced wildfire hazard in the WUI, improved long-term forest health, increased forage production for local elk and deer herds, and enhanced recreational values for the public.

### **Sorrell Springs - Lolo National Forest, Near Frenchtown**

This 148-acre project, surrounded by numerous homes located in the WUI, is located in a high priority treatment area, land-locked with no legal access for management. The adjacent Sorrel Springs subdivision is a recognized Firewise Community certified since 2005. DNRC enabled access to the land by forming a partnership with private landowners. The Montana Forest Action Plan partially funded the NEPA process utilizing a private contractor to assist in the environmental analysis - first in the state. Revenue from the sale of forest by products are expected to finance all the work.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

The DNRC, Forest Service and BLM have identified three categories of continued growth for GNA; commercial projects, service contracts, and NEPA support. The DNRC and partners work to maintain a robust timber sale plan of work with each National Forest and have identified 55 Service Projects totaling over 37,000 acres and 7 NEPA Analysis totaling 55,000 acres.







# AGRICULTURE AND GRAZING MANAGEMENT



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

The Agriculture and Grazing Management Bureau along with Area and Unit Office staff supervise the management and leasing of 4.7 million acres under approximately 8,900 agreements for crop and range land throughout the state. The revenues generated from these lands are for the benefit of the school trusts.

The Agriculture and Grazing program continues to be the most consistent revenue generating program within Trust Lands with an annual revenue of between \$20 and \$30 million.

Currently 2,800 agreements cover agricultural use of State Trust Lands and approximately 8,100 agreements are grazing. Dryland crops raised on the Trust Lands include small grains and hay. Irrigated crops include grain, corn, sugar beets, potatoes, peas, lentils, garbanzo beans, canola, safflower, alfalfa seed, and native seed.

### 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Approximately 598,900 acres are leased for agricultural purposes. The majority are leased at a 25% crop share set by statute, while some are set on a cash per acre rental.
  - The three highest revenue generating commodities were:
    - Wheat – 4,513,038 bushels (\$8,292,9147 in revenue)
    - Barley – 536,032 bushels (\$810,609 in revenue)
    - Hay – 42,667 tons (\$2,279,049 in revenue)
- Approximately 4.1 million acres of classified grazing and forest lands with an estimated carrying capacity of 995,000 animal-unit-months (AUMs). The minimum grazing rate for FY 22 was \$12.83/AUM.
  - The annual grazing rate is set by a formula which includes the average weighted price for beef cattle sold in Montana during the previous year and a multiplier set by the Land Board.
- 1412 lease renewals completed
- \$13.3 million generated in Grazing revenue.

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



**8,900**

**ACTIVE AG &  
GRAZING LEASES**



**\$15.6  
MILLION  
AGRICULTURE  
REVENUE**



**\$13.3  
MILLION  
GRAZING  
REVENUE**

# OUR PROGRAMS

## AGRICULTURE AND GRAZING MANAGEMENT

### WHAT WE DO

**Surface Leasing Program:** The Surface Leasing Program is responsible for surface lease agreements. Leases are issued for a 10-year lease term approximately 1000 leases renew each year. In 2022, program staff processed approximately 1,412 lease renewals; advertised, competitively bid, and issued new leases; reviewed and processed assignments, subleases, pasturing agreements, custom farming agreements, pledges, and mortgages; and collected, verified, and posted rentals and fees.

**Land Management Program:** The Land Management Program manages agricultural and grazing resources on state trust land. Responsibilities include the evaluation and assessment of range and crop land condition; administration of archaeological, paleontological, and historical properties on state trust land; investigations of lease noncompliance; participation in the federal Farm Program; and oversight of water developments, water rights, improvement projects such as range renovation and resource development, and weed management.

**Farm Program:** a federal program that DNRC and Lessees participate in on the agriculture land. State Trust Land receives revenue from the Farm Service Agency (USDA) through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) as well as Price Loss Coverage (PLC) contracts. FY22 revenues from Farm Program Payments generated \$1,243,587.







# FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU

**OUR MISSION:** We sustainably manage Montana's forest trust lands to maximize long term revenue while promoting healthy and diverse forests.



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

A statewide team of foresters, managers, hydrologists, biologists, and planners collectively manage approximately 793,000 acres of forested State Trust Lands for the benefit of the common schools and other institutions in Montana. The Forest Management Bureau accounts for approximately 10% of the Trust Land Management Division's total revenue. As State Trust Land managers, we work under the direction of the Board of Land Commissioners.

Annual activities are aimed at generating income, monitoring and improving practices, investing in future productivity of forested stands, and conserving an array of resources. Revenue from these lands are derived mainly from the sale of forest products. This program includes all activities required to grow, harvest, and sell forest products efficiently. All timber sales and permits are developed, analyzed, and reviewed in the field by foresters and resource specialists.

## 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 55 Timber Sales and Timber Permits Sold

- 60.2 million board feet offered for sale
- Stumpage value of \$10.4 million
- Average stumpage price of \$183 per thousand board feet
- Expected revenue of \$1.5 Million in forest improvement fees
- Over 14,000 acres put under active management

### 56 Active Timber Sales

- 51 million board feet harvested
- Generated \$9.4 million in revenue
- Collected \$1.3 million in Forest Improvement fees for reforestation, road maintenance, and prescribed burning projects
- Completed pre-commercial thinning treatments on 1,435 acres

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



**51 MMBF**  
**TIMBER**  
**HARVESTED**



**56**  
**ACTIVE TIMBER**  
**SALES**



**254,667**  
**TREE SEEDLINGS**  
**PLANTED**

# OUR PROGRAM

## FOREST MANAGEMENT

### WHAT WE DO

The State Trust Land Forest Management Program creates certainty for timber industry by providing **Montana's most consistent supply of timber**. Our requirement and commitment to selling the annual sustainable yield consistently each year is critical to the viability of Montana's timber industry. Although forested state trust land accounts for less than 4% of the forested landscape, it generates approximately 20% of the annual sawlog volume available within the state—a significantly disproportionate share compared to DNRC's land base. Our management contributes to Montana's natural heritage by supporting wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat, outdoor recreation, and public access. The 60 million board feet offered for sale each year creates ~600 direct industry jobs as well as several hundred indirect supporting jobs.

#### State Forest Land Management Plan (SFLMP)

The SFLMP provides the philosophical basis and technical rationale for DNRC's forest management program. The SFLMP is premised on the philosophy that the best way to produce long-term income for the trust is to manage intensively for healthy and biologically diverse forests. ARM 36.11.448 directs the Bureau to review the current status of state forest land management plan implementation and effectiveness, and recommendation on the need for significant change every five years.

#### Forest Management Administrative Rules

DNRC Forest Management Rules (ARM 36.11.401 through 456) are the specific legal resource management standards and measures under which DNRC implements the SFLMP and subsequently its forest management program.

#### The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

The Montana DNRC Forested State Trust HCP is a land management plan under which DNRC conducts forest management activities while conserving habitat for species that currently are or are anticipated to be listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Those species are bull trout, grizzly bear, Canada lynx, westslope cutthroat trout, and Columbia redband trout. The HCP provides long term legal assurances to DNRC. When DNRC applies the HCP conservation strategies to forest management activities such as timber sales and thinning projects within the habitat of listed species, the agency is assured that it is in compliance with the ESA.

#### Sustainable Yield Calculation

DNRC is required to calculate the annual sustainable yield for forest trust lands at least every 10 years (MCA 77-5-223(2)). The annual sustainable yield is the amount of timber that can be sustainably harvested from state trust land on an annual basis. DNRC is also directed to use the annual sustainable yield (ASY) as its annual timber sale requirement. The current annual sustainable yield from trust lands is 60 million board feet.







# MINERALS MANAGEMENT BUREAU



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

The Minerals Management Bureau is responsible for leasing, permitting, and managing approximately 1,465 oil and gas, metalliferous and nonmetalliferous minerals, coal, and sand and gravel agreements on more than 545,000 acres of the available 6.2 million acres of school Trust Land and approximately 11,885 acres of other state-owned land throughout Montana.

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to lease for the responsible development of oil, gas, and minerals from state lands in a way that maximizes revenue generated for public schools and other trust beneficiaries while protecting the environment and preserving future land uses and recreational opportunities after the developed land has been properly reclaimed.

## 2022 ACTIVITIES

### Oil & Gas Activity

- Managed 1,337 total leases, 585 of which are currently productive
- Royalty revenues totaled \$10,640,222
- Rentals, non-drilling penalties, and bonus revenues totaled \$2,237,130

### Coal Activity

- Managed 30 total leases, 6 of which are currently productive
- Royalty revenues totaled \$27,738,260
- Rental revenues totaled \$7,848

### Other Minerals

- Managed 98 total leases, 49 of which are currently productive
- Royalty revenues totaled \$433,884
- Rental revenues totaled \$28,777

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



**\$41.1  
MILLION  
REVENUE**



**909,163  
BARRELS OF OIL  
PRODUCED**



**9,863,123  
TONS OF COAL  
PRODUCED**

# OUR PROGRAMS

## MINERALS MANAGEMENT

### WHAT WE DO

**Minerals Leasing:** The leasing program oversees all mineral leases from their creation until they are fully reclaimed. Oil and gas leases are issued through a quarterly lease sale where interested parties may bid on each tract, which is now conducted through on-line bidding with EnergyNet. Activities related to existing leases include collecting royalty and rental payments, reviewing and approving assignments, tracking working interest ownership, reviewing for missing payments, preparing royalty credits, tracking bonds and ensuring each payment is accurately allocated to the correct account and trust.

**Assess Navigable Waterways:** The State owns surface and mineral estate below the low-water mark of navigable waterways in Montana, which includes associated landforms created in and along navigable riverbeds after statehood. The Bureau continuously works to clarify title to the riverbeds and relevant landforms along navigable rivers. This work typically involves collaboration of the Bureau staff with attorneys and outside experts and surveyors. Because two navigable rivers in Montana flow through producing oil and gas fields, DNRC has conducted numerous riverbed studies to aid in determining and documenting ever-changing state surface and mineral ownership in those areas.

**Engineering and Project Management:** This program coordinates, plans and provides oversight of all mineral projects on State Trust Lands. Staff works closely with industry, the public, Trust Lands field offices and other State agencies to ensure the Trust's interests are represented and protected, both fiscally and environmentally. This program coordinates and manages the physical project aspects of the Bureau's activities and regularly inspects all existing Trust Lands mineral projects.

**Field Oversight:** The Trust Lands field staff are essential in the successful operation of the MMB. The field staff help with inspecting mineral activities within their respective geographical areas. They also help coordinate activities between surface and mineral lessees that are conducting activities on the same tract. The local knowledge and insight of field staff is very useful in understanding the important issues at each unique location.

**Mineral Auditing:** Royalty audits are performed for companies holding state oil, natural gas and coal leases. The primary objectives of the audits are to ensure that royalties are properly calculated and paid to the State in accordance with their lease agreements. The primary issue discovered during audits are underpaid royalties resulting from inaccurate reporting or deductions taken that are prohibited under their lease. Additional reasons for conducting audits are to assess lessee/payer record-keeping, monitor industry accounting trends and respond to questions and concerns. 77-3-435 MCA gives the program the authority to conduct audits and collect unpaid royalties.







# TRUST LANDS REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

The Real Estate Management Bureau administers activities on lands classified as "other" and all secondary activities on lands classified for grazing, agriculture, or timber. Real estate activities include commercial, residential and renewable energy leasing, licensing, granting and/or sharing of access easements (right-of-way) and recreational use easements, land and cabin/home site sales through the Land Banking program, acquisitions of land, and land exchanges.

Our purpose is to manage the State of Montana's Trust Land resources to produce greater revenue for the trust beneficiaries while considering environmental factors and protecting the future income generating capacity of the land.

We look to maximize opportunities to obtain layered income on Trust Lands through multiple uses while serving Montana's citizens and our beneficiaries for the betterment of our great state.

## ORGANIZATION

**Lands Section:** Acquisition and disposition of trust land through land banking and cabin site sales, as well as land exchanges

**Property Management Section:** Short-term licenses, commercial leasing, and cabin site leasing

**Rights of Way Section:** Easements, rights of way and access, and reciprocal and cost share agreements

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



**\$10.65 MILLION**  
DISTRIBUTABLE  
REVENUE



**\$7.35 MILLION**  
LAND AND CABIN  
SITE SALES



**1,496**  
LEASES, OPTIONS  
& LICENSES



**3 WIND POWER**  
OPTIONS TO  
LEASE



**195 RIGHTS**  
OF WAY

# OUR PROGRAMS

## REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT

### WHAT WE DO

**Land Banking and Cabin Site Sale Program:** In FY 2022, the Land Banking and Cabin Site Sale Program sold 1,341 acres for a total sales price of \$7,350,200. Currently, more than 65 land banking and cabin site sales are in progress. Priority is given to selling isolated, low producing and vacant land, and acquiring commercial, agricultural, grazing and timbered land with layered income potential that is publicly accessible.

**Residential Leases:** In FY 2022, bidding yielded twelve bids and ultimately resulted in six new cabin site leases. This bidding activity represents 57% of the available vacant leases, and the average bid rate was 6.49% of the land value. Over the year 84 new leases were executed, including the renewal of 68 existing leases. The cabin site lease vacancy rate at the end of FY 2022 is 8.9% largely due to sales of active lease sites from the inventory.

**Commercial Leases:** In FY 2022, the bureau executed two new commercial development leases generating \$37,632 in new revenue. One of these new leases is for a large commercial wind farm near Rock Springs developed by Clearwater Energy Resources and has the potential for a substantial revenue increase once fully operational. Preliminary forecasts project annual revenue to exceed \$70,000. Clearwater Energy also holds an option on an additional 2,500 acres of state trust land for the second phase of the same project with expectation of executing the option in 2023. Renewable energy interest continues to increase on state trust lands, with three active options to lease and several project proposals in early due diligence stages. There are currently four active Requests for Proposals advertised on the commercial leasing website in the Bozeman and Missoula areas. At the end of FY 2022, there were five active commercial lease options and 116 active commercial leases on state trust land, which includes all leases that are not agriculture, grazing, or residential in nature. Hydroelectric leases generated \$5.19 million in revenue.

**Right-of-Way/Easements:** The Right of Way (ROW) Section processed and brought 195 ROW applications to the Land Board for approval in FY 2022. Most applications received were associated with new utility infrastructure in the state, especially installation of fiber optic cables in underserved areas of rural eastern Montana.







# RECREATIONAL USE & PUBLIC ACCESS

**OUR MISSION:** To balance recreational use of Montana's state trust lands with the constitutional fiduciary and stewardship duties of trust land management.



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

Recreational use and access is an integral component of State Trust Lands. One full time employee provides guidance on the implementation of statute and administrative rules related to recreational use. Foresters, land use specialists, land managers, and planners across the Forestry and Trust Lands Division share the responsibility of managing Trust Land for the primary revenue-generating functions of the land, while supporting a harmonious balance for public access where permissible. The program funds two Game Wardens within Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to assist with related enforcement needs.

Recreation contributes to Trust Land revenue primarily through the sale of individual recreational use licenses and special recreational use licenses for commercial and concentrated uses. Additional revenue is collected through nightly rentals of the Werner Peak Lookout, and campground donations at Upper Whitefish Lake.

## 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In FY22 the recreational use program was heavily engaged in updating digital tools for recreational use management and communications including the following:

- Digitized closures and restrictions into interactive public web map.
- Implemented new database to streamline application processes and standardize forms.
- Integrated online payment options.
- Initiated groundwork for a public access map.
- Redesigned the public use webpages.

## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



**\$1.28  
MILLION  
REVENUE**



**2,872  
RECREATIONAL  
USE LICENSES  
SOLD**



**210  
SPECIAL REC  
USE LICENSES  
ISSUED**