



# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Inyo National Forest

Forest Service



## If the RV Fits, Reserve It!

With over 70 campgrounds offering nearby access to mountains, lakes, and rivers, many people vacation by camping on the Inyo National Forest. Often visitors have large RVs and have sometimes been disappointed when their RV did not fit into their reserved campsite. To address this, the Forest used recreation fee revenue of \$15,000 to measure individual sites, evaluate their accessibility, and note any fire safety issues.

With this information readily available through the Forest's website, at front desks and visitor centers, and on [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov), it is now much easier for visitors to choose a campsite works for their particular situation.



*Camping on the Inyo offers access to high lakes such as Convict Lake.*

## Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations will benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

## South Tufa Improvements

The South Tufa interpretive trail received a major facelift in 2014 with \$38,000 of recreation fee revenue. The Forest replaced and repaired boardwalk sections, brushed the trails, and installed new signs. In addition, the Forest stained and painted buildings, picnic tables, kiosks and parking areas.

*A portable restroom at Mono Lake will be maintained more often with the help of recreation fee revenue.*



## Forest Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,088,698
Special Uses	\$155,849
Interagency Passes	\$100,928
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,345,475</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$239,245
Visitor Services	\$532,139
Law Enforcement	\$15,337
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$56,943
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$843,664</b>

\*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

## An ACE in the Hole!

The 2014 summer season on the Inyo National forest was a great one for Wilderness restoration. Supported by recreation fee revenue of \$25,000 an American Conservation Experience (ACE) crew helped restore Hilton Lakes by maintaining trails, reinforcing a stream crossing and building causeways to correct drainage issues. This young crew was able to experience the backcountry, learn about careers with natural resource agencies and become educated on what it takes to manage public lands.

*Some of the work completed by the ACE crew in 2014.*



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## Pacific Southwest Region Map



## Regional Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,406,393
Special Uses	\$942,706
Interagency Passes	\$265,449
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,614,548</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$3,134,824
Visitor Services	\$1,766,862
Law Enforcement	\$275,511
Habitat Restoration	\$18,359
Fee Agreements	\$18,043
Cost of Collections	\$626,431
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,840,030</b>

\*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs