

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Los Padres National Forest

Forest Service



Snakes and Other Critters

"Forest to School" programs at local grade schools provided an opportunity for youth to learn the difference between harmless and venomous snakes and what to do to be safe in the forest. With the help of recreation fee revenue, a 'ranger' met with nearly 350 pre-schoolers and second graders in the outdoors to present the slitherers.

A new generation learns to love the outdoors.



One district also partnered with Los Flores Ranch in Santa Maria to present five outdoor/nature wildlife programs to over 500 students, teachers and parents. Using various outdoor stations, students learned about wildlife found in the forest.

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.

Campground Facelifts

The Ojai Ranger District spruced-up three campgrounds in 2014 using recreation fee revenue. District crews installed 13 new metal barbeques, put in new directional signs, and improved the bulletin boards.

New barbeques call to intrepid outdoor chefs.



Forest Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$256,506
Special Uses	\$10,539
Interagency Passes	\$11,380
Total	\$278,425
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$158,541
Visitor Services	\$56,218
Law Enforcement	\$12,385
Habitat Restoration	\$4,954
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$36,382
Total	\$268,480

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

Additional Highlights

Mt. Pinos Winter Snow Play

- Funded mobile electronic sign to inform visitors of road conditions and requirements.
- Coordinated the volunteer National Ski Patrol to provide medical assistance, search & rescue, and public information.
- Provided dumpsters and portable toilets.

Other Sites

- Felled drought-killed trees at Piedra Blanca Trailhead.
- Purchased and installed two additional bear proof trash cans at the Navajo Staging Area and Figueroa Lookout Day Use Area.
- Placed dumpsters and removed trash at various campgrounds and popular hunting areas.



Mountain vista on the Los Padres.

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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
Total	\$7,614,548
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
Total	\$5,840,030

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