

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 San Bernardino National Forest

Forest Service



Urban Conservation Corps

The Urban Conservation Corps of the Inland Empire is a program of the nonprofit Southern California Mountains Foundation. Corps members are California residents from diverse backgrounds age 18 to 25 years old, organized in crews of 10 members, led by a full-time UCC supervisor and equipped with uniforms, tools and safety gear. Recreation fee revenue employed UCC Corps members for 4,501 hours, giving 96 young people work experience in recreation maintenance and management.

The UCC helped with critical maintenance in many fee sites across 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.

Sprucing up Signs

With the help of a volunteer carpenter and recreation fee revenue, the San Jacinto Ranger District spruced up all of their 12 recreation site identifier signs. The work involved resurfacing, repairing, sanding, filling and painting the signs to bring them back to a like-new condition. This effort saved the Forest approximately \$7,500 compared to purchasing new signs.



Before and After pictures of rehabilitated signs at Lake Fulmor Picnic Area.

Forest Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$817,570
Special Uses	\$16,161
Interagency Passes	\$43,152
Total	\$876,883
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$309,273
Visitor Services	\$195,966
Law Enforcement	\$97,882
Habitat Restoration	\$
Fee Agreements	\$16,093
Cost of Collections	\$302,467
Total	\$921,681

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

Additional Accomplishments

- Removed approximately 1.5 tons of trash and litter from recreation sites, including 38 bags from Applewhite, and 31 bags in Lytle Creek.
- Removed graffiti on rocks, buildings and signs and within Cucamonga Canyon.
- Maintained and improved two miles of the Lytle Creek Nature Trail.
- Provided visitor services to over 26,000 visitors, including passing out trash bags and providing information.
- Maintained the Chaparral Neighborhoods Native Plant Garden at Lytle Creek Ranger Station.
- Recruited over 20 volunteers to assist in the maintenance of Lytle Creek.
- Painted 13 picnic tables and refinished four benches at Lake Hemet Picnic Area.
- Developed and installed a trailhead interpretative sign at Humber Park (main access point to the San Jacinto Wilderness) in collaboration with the Access Fund. This sign illustrates the history of rock climbing in the area and includes climbing safety and etiquette.
- Supported a year-round host for Lake Hemet Picnic Area to assist with maintenance, visitor information, and area monitoring.



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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

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