

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Sequoia National Forest

Forest Service



Jobs for Youth

Students and volunteers made a big difference in 2014 thanks to recreation fee revenue. While gaining on the job training in natural resource management, Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns provided visitor services and maintained trails in the Jennie Lakes Wilderness. A part-time volunteer provided interpretive programs at campgrounds for approximately 2,000 visitors and volunteer groups replaced pasture fencing and maintained the grounds around the cabins at Grouse Valley Complex. Finally, hosts provided many visitor services at four campgrounds.



Student interns clearing trail in the Jennie Lakes Wilderness

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.

Camping the Kern

Visitors enjoy the Wild and Scenic Upper Kern River for world class whitewater as well as camping and fishing. Resource damage from overnight use on the river's shore was addressed in 2014 with the help of \$3,000 of recreation fee revenue. Employees and volunteers installed barriers and signs to delineate boundaries and inform visitors where camping would be allowed. This effort improved shore access for day use and enables campers to use areas the where Forest has provided amenities such as trash service and restrooms.



Camping areas on the Kern are now easily found.

Forest Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$674,339
Special Uses	\$17,322
Interagency Passes	\$4,500
Total	\$696,161
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$258,598
Visitor Services	\$90,487
Law Enforcement	\$38,644
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$21,046
Total	\$408,774

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

Cabins and Other Highlights

Cabin Rentals:

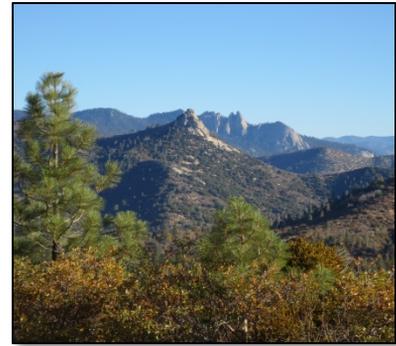
Overnight visitors to the Sequoia can experience the forest in a unique fashion by renting one of the five available historic lookouts or cabins. Without recreation fee revenue, many of these old administrative buildings would deteriorate and be lost. Because they are rented, the forest can now maintain and improve the structures for today's and future generations.

Other Highlights:

- Cleaned and maintained 13 campgrounds and 10 day use sites including toilet cleaning and pumping, trash and litter removal.
- Purchased fire rings, table anchors and bulletin boards.
- Helped fund the Sequoia Natural History Association's quarterly newspaper.
- Provided contacts and information at Kings Canyon Visitor Center and Big Stump Entrance Station.



Grouse Valley cabin



Parker Pass

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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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