

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Six Rivers National Forest

Forest Service



People Power!

The beauty of the Six Rivers National Forest not only draws visitors from near and far, but also people to work as interns and volunteers. An intern from Wisconsin trained with Redwood National and State Park interpreters then went on to design and lead programs in the Smith River National Recreation Area. A Florida intern worked as the volunteer coordinator for the Orleans Ranger District and recruited and managed campground hosts for two Districts.

On the Lower Trinity and Mad River Ranger Districts, Youth Conservation Corps Crews completed work in recreation sites. They cleared vegetation; delineated parking areas; painted speed bumps, directional arrows and buildings; installed bulletin boards and recycle bins; removed graffiti; replaced toilet risers, door handles and broken picnic tables; and cleaned bathrooms.



Volunteer groups from the local community as well as Humboldt State University pitched in for a river clean-up day hosted by the Smith River Alliance. Not only was trash from multiple dump sites removed but volunteers helped a Law Enforcement Officer clean up an illegal grow site.

All this work was supported with recreation fee revenue. Whether purchasing supplies and materials or funding salaries and stipends, quite simply, these funds are critical to supporting the people who get the work done on the ground.

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.

Forest Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$109,707
Special Uses	\$5,013
Interagency Passes	\$5,640
Total	\$120,360
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$50,741
Visitor Services	\$15,795
Law Enforcement	\$4,740
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$9,062
Total	\$80,339

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

Developed Recreation

Across the Forest, 18 campgrounds, a rental cabin, over 15 developed trailheads, seven boat ramps, 30 day use sites, and many dispersed camping areas benefitted from recreation fee revenue.

- Removed hazard trees and limbs, tested drinking water, and replaced damaged and deteriorated culvert tops at Panther Flat Campground.
- Completed routine maintenance: cleared brush and vegetation, collected trash, cleaned and maintained facilities, and pumped septic tanks and vault toilets.
- Funded eight campground hosts who delivered valuable information about the local area and campground regulations, and completed light maintenance tasks.

Panther Creek culvert covers before and after. New tops make cleaning culverts easier.



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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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