



National Forests in Florida

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

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Lights at the Beach



Solar-powered lights on the fishing dock help anglers and visitors step easy

Olustee Beach Recreation Area offers a shallow sandy beach for swimming, wildlife watching, water skiing, picnicking or the Trampled Track Trail, an interpretive trail about the history of turpentine. With bathrooms and showers, drinking water and a group picnic shelter, visitors can easily make a day of it. In 2015 the Forest repaired underground water and electric lines and replaced solar lighting on the fishing dock.

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.

New Buoys at Mill Dam

With the shade of live oaks overlooking the 168-acre lake, Mill Dam Recreation Area is one of the most picturesque day use areas in the Ocala National Forest. The recreation area has 21 picnic sites with grills, a sheltered pavilion, and 300 feet of sandy beach. A boat ramp also provides convenient access to fishing and skiing.

In 2015, the Forest repaired the roof of a pavilion and replaced swimming buoys.



The pavilion at Mill Dam

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$414,893
Special Uses	\$12,799
Interagency Passes	\$14,870
Total	\$442,562
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$290,948
Visitor Services	\$25,187
Law Enforcement	\$26,334
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$16,543
Total	\$359,012

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

Additional Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained 24 campgrounds, 11 trailheads, 8 day use areas, and 12 motorized trailheads across the three National Forests in Florida. This included mowing, trimming, trash collection, cleaning, vault toilet and septic tank pumping.
- Repaired underground water and electric lines at Ocean Pond Campground.
- Replaced volleyball net at Olustee Beach.
- Supplied the Lake George Carpenter Shop.
- Purchased fire rings for Fore Lake, Lake Dorr, and Lake Eaton.
- Replaced pump house door at Wright Lake Campground.
- Removed hazard trees and limbs and tested drinking water.



Bathhouse at Camel Lake Campground



A view of the Apalachicola River

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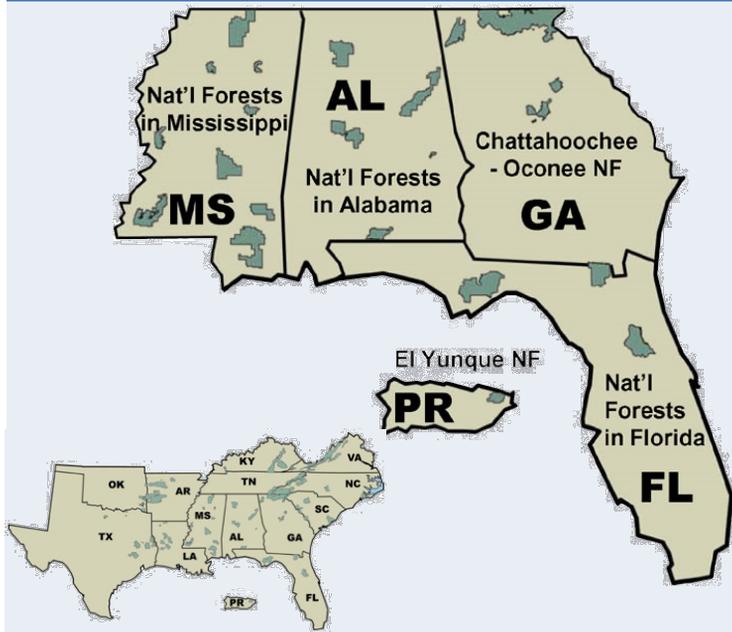
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Southern Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$7,145,209
Special Uses	\$1,069,860
Interagency Passes	\$134,379
Total	\$8,349,448
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,645,190
Visitor Services	\$1,200,213
Law Enforcement	\$189,584
Habitat Restoration	\$1,256
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$667,560
Total	\$6,703,803

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