

White Mountain National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



Better Trail to Rumney



Completed trail at Rumney Rocks.

Rumney Rocks Climbing Area is a world renowned sport rock climbing area that draws climbers from all over the world due to the challenge offered by the sheer number of most difficult routes. Due to the layout of the climbing area's two parking lots, climbers could not access the crags without walking on the edge of a curvy, busy road. Recreation fee revenue along with appropriated dollars, addressed the concern by funding a foot trail alongside the road to connect the parking lots. This accessible trail has greatly improved both climbers' and the drivers' safety.

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.

Busy Year Requires Work

In 2015, more visitors than ever came to the White Mountain National forest. Recreation fee revenue benefited many sites and services such as 17 day use areas, five cabin/pavilion rentals and 44 trailheads. These funds paid for items like mowing, trash collection, cleaning restrooms, vault toilet and septic tank pumping, and plowing in winter. They also enhanced public safety through hazard tree removal, drinking water testing, and

assisting visitors in emergency situations.



Many trailheads were full in 2015.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$556,912
Special Uses	\$116,113
Interagency Passes	\$23,880
Total	\$696,904
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$264,236
Visitor Services	\$266,734
Law Enforcement	\$23,325
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$42,089
Total	\$596,384

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

Additional Accomplishments

- Installed kiosks and new signs at recreation sites, repaired stone sign bases at six sites.
- Collaborated with a partner to provide interpretation at two historic sites.
- Supported outfitter guiding by ensuring that the sites or areas used by guides are well-maintained and improved, and that guides follow the terms of their permits. Guided opportunities on the Forest include hiking, winter mountaineering, rock and ice climbing.
- Hosted 16 recreation events from triathlons to hiking and bicycling events.
- Staffed six visitor centers and made personal contact with over 100,000 visitors.
- Presented or facilitated Conservation Education events attended by over 1000 participants through forums such as the Young Ranger Program, Woods in Winter, interpretive programs at schools and campgrounds, and guided interpretive hikes.



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Eastern Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$4,351,556
Special Uses	\$352,626
Interagency Passes	\$99,725
Total	\$4,803,908
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,414,372
Visitor Services	\$951,286
Law Enforcement	\$277,816
Habitat Restoration	\$55,400
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$259,288
Total	\$3,958,162

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