

# Angeles National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



### Cleaning Up the Canyon



*Volunteers clean up a stream in Big Tujunga Canyon.*

Big Tujunga Canyon, located only three miles from Los Angeles, has become very similar to a city park in terms of heavy use. A general lack of a visitor stewardship ethic creates a constant issue of strewn garbage, graffiti, and user-created dams in the creek that can be devastating to wildlife. Volunteer groups clean up the canyon several times throughout the year. The Forest Service provides trash bags, paint remover, paint and brushes, trash pickers, rock bars, shovels, gloves, and waders at about \$3000 annually to help the volunteers restore the area to its natural state.

### 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.

### Volunteers Bring Back Trails

The Forest continues to restore the 375 miles of trail destroyed or damaged in the 2009 Station Fire. With \$6,000 in recreation fee revenue the Forest annually supports volunteer efforts, which include various Conservation Corps groups, Boy Scouts, Fire Explorer Academy, William S Hart High School, Mt. Wilson Bicycle Association and Los Angeles County Fire Camps.



### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,363,212
Special Uses	\$5,596
Interagency Passes	\$27,240
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,396,548</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$618,496
Visitor Services	\$157,541
Law Enforcement	\$25,123
Habitat Restoration	\$1,192
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$33,497
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$835,848</b>

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

## Additional Accomplishments

- Replaced and/or installed new picnic table boards, picnic tables, fire rings, vehicle barriers, signage, barbecue grills, concrete parking stops, and trash receptacles at many recreation sites and facilities.
- Worked with many partners and volunteers on trail, picnic area, campground, invasive species removal, and special event projects.
- Supported volunteers who donated hundreds of hours to lead nature hikes, snow shoe hikes, summer school programs and the hug a tree program.
- Installed two ramadas at Inspiration Point and a new restroom at the Jarvi Memorial.
- Supported the Haramokngna Indian Cultural Center at Red Box, where people learn about tribal customs and cultural use of local natural resources.



*100 Alcoa Fastening Systems volunteers helped rehabilitate the Vogel Flat Picnic Area.*



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## Pacific Southwest Region Map



## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$7,494,538
Special Uses	\$831,597
Interagency Passes	\$325,341
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,651,475</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$3,252,710
Visitor Services	\$1,768,295
Law Enforcement	\$166,246
Habitat Restoration	\$12,587
Fee Agreements	\$2,174
Cost of Collections	\$460,826
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,662,838</b>

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