

# Inyo National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



### The Oldest of the Old

The Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest Area is home to some of the world's oldest living things, with trees that are several thousand years old. The Forest maintains a visitor center and interpretive trails in the area where visitors marvel at the ancient trees



and ponder their long history. The Forest used recreation fee revenue of \$32,700 in 2015 to provide staffing for interpretive services, and a security monitoring system. In addition, these funds provided cleaning and maintenance services for the visitor center, four nearby campgrounds and two day use sites.

### 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.

### Hoofs and Boots

The Horseshoe Meadows Recreation Area is popular with horse riders and hikers, and provides easy access into the Golden Trout Wilderness. This site offers two trailhead facilities and three campgrounds, including an equestrian camp. The Forest used recreation fee revenue of \$23,500 to support cleaning and maintenance services, including trash removal, toilet cleaning, and upkeep of horse corrals.



### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,130,463
Special Uses	\$157,942
Interagency Passes	\$133,824
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,422,229</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$208,773
Visitor Services	\$509,822
Law Enforcement	\$14,541
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$51,097
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$784,234</b>

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

## Discovering Mt. Whitney

At 14,505 feet, Mount Whitney is the highest peak in the lower 48 states. In 2015, 25,167 people hiked Mt. Whitney, which is both located in the John Muir Wilderness and is the southern end point for the world famous John Muir Trail. Hikers must have a permit to hike the mountain to limit impacts and to help ensure its wild and pristine qualities. The Forest used recreation fee revenue of \$69,900 to help manage the permit program and provide visitors with “wag bags” for proper disposal of personal waste when using the Mt. Whitney trail.

*Mt. Whitney glows during a sunset.*



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## Pacific Southwest Region Map



## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$7,949,538
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>