

# Los Padres National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



### Beautiful Blooms



*Poppies and lupine on Figueroa Mountain.*

In spite of continued drought conditions, the wildflowers at Figueroa Mountain put on an impressive, though brief, show this year. The Forest annually has wildflower tours to help visitors learn about and better appreciate the value of these gorgeous displays. A volunteer botanist worked with Forest Service staff to tours for 44 participants. Recreation fee revenue also helped to fund a web site that provides bloom updates. In addition, the forest maintains an e-mail list of over 675 people who receive the updates.

### 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.

### Lending a Helping Hand

Sometimes employees who have jobs outside of recreation get to help make recreation sites a better place to be. One district on the Forest held an employee project day where recreation fee revenue purchased supplies to refurbish Reyes Creek and Pine Mountain campgrounds. Employees installed barbecue grills, replaced worn table planks, and painted all picnic table tops.



### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$264,759
Special Uses	\$17,948
Interagency Passes	\$11,240
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$293,948</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$105,749
Visitor Services	\$39,778
Law Enforcement	\$8,261
Habitat Restoration	\$3,305
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$50,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$207,094</b>

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

## Additional Accomplishments

- Cleaned, pumped and maintained toilets and dumpsters at all campgrounds and OHV staging areas.
- Replaced, repaired, and painted bulletin boards, information signs, and trailhead and recreation site signs.
- Refurbished or replaced sign panels and posted new signage at campgrounds, picnic areas, OHV staging areas, and trailheads.
- Installed three additional bear proof trash cans at Middle Lion Campground.
- Supported the South Coast Karate Club, who contributed over 120 volunteer hours cleaning up the Santa Ynez River.
- Trained Wilderness volunteers.



Sunset over Chumash



*Ballinger OHV staging area. Recreation fee revenue benefits this and many other sites.*

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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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