

Stanislaus National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



Intern Trains in Emigrant Wild



Wilderness intern (left) learns how to use crosscut saw.

Building the next generation of Wilderness rangers requires much training and numerous certifications. The Forest hired one intern to assist with visitor education, trail clearing, campsite restoration, invasive weed treatment, and outfitter/guide field inspections. The staff and intern made over 4,736 field contacts, cut out 286 downed logs, removed over 400 pounds of trash, manually removed 27 acres of invasive plants, and eliminated 377 fire rings.

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.

Most Challenging River Run

The Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River runs 83 miles with the Forest managing 29 miles downstream of Yosemite National Park. Management requires protecting the free-flowing condition, water quality and river values while providing opportunities for recreation. The Forest provides restrooms and developed day use areas from Cherry Creek to Ward's Ferry Bridge with the help of recreation fee funds. Visitor contacts also allow river rangers to share

knowledge about the river, safe practices, and water quality with rafters and kayakers.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$153,910
Special Uses	\$57,637
Interagency Passes	\$18,908
Total	\$230,455
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$46,808
Visitor Services	\$69,178
Law Enforcement	\$5,501
Habitat Restoration	\$4,158
Fee Agreements	\$1,145
Cost of Collections	\$13,202
Total	\$139,992

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

Helping Visitors

In 2015 recreation fee funds supported a Visitor Information Services Assistant. This assistant and employees served over 27,000 people, averaging over 279 people per day in July on the Summit Ranger District. These staff play an integral part in supporting recreation and wilderness programs. The information they provide includes recreation conditions, trip planning assistance and wilderness permit issuance. This all helps to ensure visitors are well informed, prepared for their visit, and aware of rules and regulations governing their activities.



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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
Total	\$8,651,475
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
Total	\$5,662,838

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