

# Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Forest Service



### Many Activities In, Around and About Desolation Wilderness

With over 136,000 visitors in 2015, the Desolation Wilderness requires both a lot of attention and financial support. During the year, the Forest, in partnership with the Eldorado and using recreation fee revenue, hiked and patrolled 650 miles of trail, collected 237 pounds of trash and removed 119 illegal fire rings.

Rangers also removed 157 fallen trees on trails and rehabilitated 62 camping sites. Over 25,000 visitors requested assistance from rangers or volunteers at a staffed wilderness trailhead. In addition the Forest demonstrated cross-cut saw use and wilderness packing during an event attended by 5,000 people at the Lake Tahoe Visitor Center. Participants received a piece of wood branded with the Wilderness 50th Anniversary logo.

Finally, naturalists shared information at trailheads, which included wildlife & wildflower photos and leave no trace information.



*Participants in one event learned wilderness skills and received a branded piece of wood.*



### 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.

### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

| Revenue*             | Amount           |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Recreation Fees      | \$267,924        |
| Special Uses         | \$14,727         |
| Interagency Passes   | \$8,830          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$291,481</b> |
| Expenditures         | Amount           |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$44,520         |
| Visitor Services     | \$195,806        |
| Law Enforcement      | \$9,133          |
| Habitat Restoration  | \$0              |
| Fee Agreements       | \$0              |
| Cost of Collections  | \$22,264         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$271,722</b> |

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

## Generation Green

Recreation fee revenue enabled LTBMU to support a youth conservation program called "Generation Green" in 2015. Members of the youth work group spent several weeks with crews to help stabilize and enhance the highly used Bayview Trail within Desolation Wilderness. Work included constructing retaining walls, rock steps, and improving water bars. Members also received training on Wilderness stewardship, history and ethics along with training on how to use hand-tools and how to practice Leave No Trace Wilderness Camping.



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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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