



# Eldorado National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2016

### Meet Gen Green



*Generation Green crew restoring a campsite at Lake of the Woods.*

Generation Green Youth Conservation crews contributed 1,280 hours to restore campsites at Lake of the Woods and remove inappropriate campsites at American, Channel and Desolation Lakes within the Desolation Wilderness Area. The crews also helped to clear debris from trails and worked with staff, interns and volunteers such as the Elegant Ears Mule Association who provided pack support for trail work within wilderness. Recreation fee funding supplemented \$160,000 of appropriated funds for this work.

### Kids Become Future Stewards

Through a partnership with the Central California Consortium and the Student Conservation Association, interns assisted staff with the Wrights Lake Junior Program. Over 200 children participated in both learning about the local natural and cultural history and practicing new skills such as how to take care of natural resources, and critter and wildflower identification. Over \$13,000 of recreation fee funds helped to support this program.

*Children learn management skills through the junior ranger program.*



### Special Uses

Recreation permit fees from special events and outfitter and guides (O&G) also provide funds for both administration and for on the ground improvements. In 2016, the Forest:

- Hosted three motorcycle enduros, six equestrian rides, one mountain bike event, one trail running and one cycling event.
- Administered seven O&G permits for rock climbing and three temporary O&G permits for rafting.

### Accomplishments in Photos



*The Forest worked with climbing organizations to provide information at Lovers Leap Campground.*



*The Forest provided visitor services on a busy weekends at Crystal Basin. In 2016, Crystal Basin had over 8,000 visitors.*

## Other Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained family and group campground facilities and trailheads.
- Replaced campground signs, unit markers, removed hazard trees and reduced fuels.
- Repainted and striped the parking lots at Carson Pass and Meiss Trailheads.
- Replaced picnic tables at Woods Lake Campground and picnic area.
- Held four interpretive campfire programs reaching about 100 visitors.
- Operated and maintained five cabin rentals. This included removing rodents, and replacing batteries and making repairs on the VanVleck Bunkhouse water system, and replacing furnishings and appliances in two rentals.
- Provided interpretive rangers at Carson Pass.
- Staffed three Sacramento area events to provide trip planning guidance.
- Provided support for volunteers and SCA interns to staff five trailheads and provide naturalist information about the Desolation Wilderness.
- Partnered with numerous volunteers and organizations to conduct monitoring, restoration, trail maintenance, public education, and patrolling in the Desolation Wilderness.



*View of the Desolation Wilderness from Wrights Lake*

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## Pacific Southwest Region



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$294,853	\$8,692,283
Special Uses	\$4,576	\$1,079,413
Interagency Passes	\$10,360	\$335,915
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$309,789</b>	<b>\$10,107,611</b>

  

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$81,543	\$4,014,387
Visitor Services	\$34,255	\$1,584,559
Law Enforcement	\$4,502	\$205,510
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$10,784
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$2,790
Collections/Overhead	\$7,145	\$512,081
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$127,445</b>	<b>\$6,330,111</b>

\*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and upcoming startup costs.