Wilderness and Wild Waters

SCA intern helps remove navigation hazard from Klamath River

Getting college interns out on the Forest not only means more work for less funding, but it teaches college students an outdoor ethic and gives them much needed work experience. While the Forest Service does have grant funding to support interns, programs often require matching funds from the Forest. Thanks to $17,975 of recreation fee funds, the Forest hired a Wilderness ranger and received two grants to hire five Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns.

The ranger and interns:
• Patrolled the Wilderness and Klamath river to monitor outfitter guide compliance with permit operating plan conditions.
• Provided visitors to Wilderness and wild and scenic river sites with public safety information and leave no trace principles.
• Engaged more than 200 area youth with education messages on how to practice leave no trace principles when visiting Wilderness areas.
• Maintained 30 miles of trail by removing downed trees with cross-cut saws, and repairing drainage structures and trail tread.
• Removed invasive weeds from river access sites and camping beaches used by commercial whitewater boating trips.
• Rehabilitated more than 50 Wilderness campsites.

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 benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.
Other Accomplishments

Recreation fee revenue helped enable the Forest to operate and maintain 13 campgrounds. Outfitter guide fees helped the Forest operate and maintain 18 river access sites along the Klamath Wild and Scenic River, and six river access sites along the Scott River. Campground accomplishments included:

- Collected garbage, cleaned toilets, pumped vault toilets, cleaned fire pits, improved landscapes and made minor repairs.
- Provided hosts at Juanita Lake and Tree of Heaven, who helped maintain the campground and managed site reservations.
- Removed hazard trees, tested drinking water and made extensive repairs to the water system at Juanita Lake.
- Updated interpretive signs on fen ecosystems at Kangaroo Lake.

Preparing Juanita Lake campground for seasonal opening.

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Revenue & Expenditures

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