



Los Padres National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2016

Campground Makeover



New firerings replace old rusted ones

The Forest spruced-up campgrounds by replacing and updating facilities at Chuchupate, Pine Springs, Kings, Halfmoon, and Ballinger campgrounds. These sites received 36 new fire rings each installed on 3 foot square concrete pads and 18 new tables. In addition, the Forest, painted existing tables, painted restrooms, replaced signs, and painted bulletin boards.

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.



Forest to School

The Forests partnered with the City of Santa Maria and Los Flores Ranch to teach students about various aspects of the forest. Using live snakes and various taxidermy animals to show what lives in the Forest, the ranger reached over 835 students, teachers and parents.



Showing off the critters.

Mt. Pinos Snow Play



Collection of discarded snow play items.

The Forest managed the large day use crowds who flock to the snow from the greater Los Angeles area. This includes ensuring roads are not blocked, providing portable toilets and trash dumpsters. In addition the Forest cleans up after the crowds leave.

Other Accomplishments

Upper Santa Ynez Recreation Area

- Supported volunteer who maintained five campgrounds in the Upper Santa Ynez Recreation Area.
- Maintained facilities and supported volunteers who cleaned toilets, picked up trash, and repaired picnic tables, fire rings, and information boards.
- Provided presence to assist visitors, and help prevent vandalism and illegal campfires.
- Pumped campground toilets.

General Accomplishments

- Coordinated annual spring Figueroa Mountain wildflower tours. Increased updates through the wildflower web page and maintained a 1000 contact mailing list.
- Felled drought killed trees at three sites.



Sunrise fog over the Lower Santa Ynez Recreation Area



Wildflowers at Figueroa Mountain.

Pacific Southwest Region



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$281,124	\$8,692,283
Special Uses	\$26,703	\$1,079,413
Interagency Passes	\$14,830	\$335,915
Total	\$322,657	\$10,107,611
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$95,151	\$4,014,387
Visitor Services	\$37,148	\$1,584,559
Law Enforcement	\$7,416	\$205,510
Habitat Restoration	\$2,958	\$10,784
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$2,790
Collections/Overhead	\$39,960	\$512,081
Total	\$182,633	\$6,330,111

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