



Modoc National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2016

Kids in the Woods



5th Graders at the Children's Forest learning about Leave No Trace wilderness ethics

The Forest hosts an annual Children's Forest, which focuses on 3rd-5th graders. In 2016, over 80 kids, as well as 20 volunteers & partners attended the 3-day event. The kids learned about fisheries, forestry, wilderness, geology, archaeology, and wildlife. In addition, smoke jumpers gave a fantastic presentation on fighting wildfires. The Forest also hosts a Kids in the Woods program for children from Kindergarten to 6th grade at the end of every school year. This year the kids learned about fire safety, forestry, wildlife in the area, how to cook a over a campfire.

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.

Students Get Involved

The Forest worked with Ameri-Corps and Workability crews, both of which are youth oriented partners. The crews worked diligently to upgrade many outdated features at the Medicine Lake Recreation area and Blue Lake Campgrounds. With the help of recreation fee revenue, the Forest was able to accomplish many new upgrades, particularly ones to increase accessibility standards such as:

- Installed five new bulletin board
- Improved 1,000 feet of access routes to 14 toilet
- Installed five drinking water hydrants and purchased an additional five for later installation.
- Sanded and re-stained over 40 picnic table
- Repainted campground entry signs
- Re-stained several bridges and benches



AmeriCorps Crew helping to install one of 5 fee bulletin boards in the campgrounds

Other Accomplishments

- Maintained over 20 miles of wilderness trails in the South Warner Wilderness, which is adjacent to Blue Lake Campground.
- Increased accessibility standards through campground improvements for over 50 sites forest-wide.
- Participated in National Public Lands Day by improving over three miles of trail around Blue Lake with over 20 teen/parent volunteers.
- Maintained nine campgrounds, which included regular clean-up and upkeep. Fee revenue helped manage essential drinking water systems and also paid for trash collection and toilet pumping.
- Replaced the water tank and water lines at Soup Springs due to previous winter storm damage.
- Worked with Workability students to improve several water drains.
- Improved picnic tables at the Medicine Lake Recreation area using a youth conservation corps crew from the Lava Beds National Monument.
- Removed over 50 hazard trees from campgrounds, providing ample on-site firewood for campers.



Summit Trail in the South Warner Wilderness facing South towards Eagle Peak

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Pacific Southwest Region



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$69,952	\$8,692,283
Special Uses	\$300	\$1,079,413
Interagency Passes	\$510	\$335,915
Total	\$70,762	\$10,107,611
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$5,764	\$4,014,387
Visitor Services	\$16,994	\$1,584,559
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$205,510
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$10,784
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$2,790
Collections/Overhead	\$2,000	\$512,081
Total	\$24,758	\$6,330,111

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