



Plumas National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2016

The Bear Necessities



*Blue Water Beach
Bear Proof
Bin*

While bears belong in the woods, when they start hanging around developed recreation sites serious issues arise – ranging from stolen and mauled food containers to strewn trash to human/bear encounters. To help with these issues, the Forest installed two new bear proof garbage cans at Maidu Boat Ramp and Blue Water Beach, hoping to reduce the bears’ desire to frequent the area. The Forest also adjusted trash service to occur on Mondays, after high use days, and reached out to visitors on the importance of proper food storage in bear country.

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.



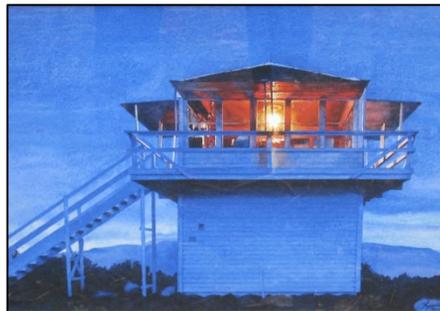
Water, Water Everywhere

Even when roughing it, people enjoy the little comforts of running water, working sinks, and toilets. Little Grass Valley Recreation Area has a lot of these items and in 2016 spent \$4,700 of recreation fee funds to repair 25 sinks and 16 toilets. In addition the Forest is conserving water and improving access to potable water with five new "low-flow" toilets and eight new accessible water spigots.



One of the restrooms within the Little Grass Valley Recreation Area.

A Perfect Look



*Black Mountain Lookout.
Painting by
Lucinda Wood,
an artist in
residence.*

The Forest continued to offer and maintain Black Mountain Lookout, which is both available for rental and used for the “Artist in the Lookout” program. Major work involved painting the stairs, catwalk, and interior and exterior of the rental, and replacing two window shutters. The Civilian Conservation Corps structure allows overnight visitors to live the life of a fire lookout.

Other Accomplishments

- Cleaned mountains of wood, metal and other trash at Little Grass Valley Administrative site.
- Felled several hazard trees at Little Grass Valley and used the wood as barriers along roads as well as firewood for campers.
- Removed downed trees on Lakeshore Trails.
- Maintained and cleaned Gold, Goose and Haven Campgrounds and Black Mountain Lookout rental cabins.
- Supported volunteer hosts who provided visitor information and cleaned four campgrounds. Provided golf carts for hosts to better access campgrounds.
- Decommissioned three campsites at Goose Lake due to the presence of the endangered Sierra Nevada Yellow Legged Frog.

Lakes Basin Recreation Area as viewed from Mt Elwell.



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Pacific Southwest Region



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$218,784	\$8,692,283
Special Uses	\$35,751	\$1,079,413
Interagency Passes	\$4,220	\$335,915
Total	\$258,756	\$10,107,611
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$75,749	\$4,014,387
Visitor Services	\$19,157	\$1,584,559
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$205,510
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$10,784
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$2,790
Collections/Overhead	\$11,886	\$512,081
Total	\$106,792	\$6,330,111