



Six Rivers National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2016

Roofing Bear Basin



New roof tiles for Bear Basin cabin

The old roof on the lookout’s cabin at Bear Basin had suffered too many windy days and stormy nights and was in sore need of a replacement. Thanks to a 20-year partnership with a local hardware store (Pierson’s Building Center) and the hard work of local volunteers and the district staff, and both appropriated and recreation fee funding, the cabin has a new roof. Even the first snows of the season saying “hello” to the crew did not hamper the task. Regardless, it was a job well done.

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.

Smith River’s Tough Trash Issues

About 25 local volunteers with the Smith River Alliance joined the Forest to extract illegally dumped debris, of all shapes and sizes, from the extremely steep and unforgiving banks of the mighty Smith River. The effort required ropes and harnesses to access numerous locations and remove over five tons of trash. Trash included auto body parts, big screen televisions, and bags of household items. All trash was legally deposited at the local dump. Recreation fee revenue and allocated dollars funded this arduous project.



Getting Ready to Camp

Recreation fee revenue assisted in all facets of the annual clean up, maintenance, and vandalism repair at all 15 campgrounds across the Forest. In particular, East Fork campground, on the Lower Trinity Ranger District, got new/replacement parking barriers, new boulder placement, site leveling, and trash/graffiti removal.

Youth Conservation Corps helped ready and maintain 15 campgrounds.



Other Accomplishments

- Completed the group site at East Fork Campground.
- Supported volunteer hosts who contributed over 6,500 hours valued at more than \$100,000.
- Repaired and/or replaced restroom faucets, painted floors, and obtained lighting solar lighting for over a dozen restrooms.
- Administered special events to include:
 - Smith River NRA held a community event giving free pumpkins to local school children.
 - The Cal-Ore River Racers held a two day, 7-mile hydro plane boat race on the Trinity River attended by 600 people.
 - Kayak Race: About 40 participants used 7-mile section of the Salmon River for this race.
 - Equestrian Endurance Ride - 50 mile ride on South Fork Mountain.
 - Disc Golf Tournament: Two events at Almond Ranch drew over 160 participants.
- Issued 12 outfitter guide drift boat fishing permits.
- Replaced seven picnic tables with concrete tables.
- Partnered with the Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation and Tribal youth to clean up dispersed recreation areas on the Smith River NRA.
- Completed over 70 miles of trail work on 16 different trails with the help of numerous partners.
- Removed hazard trees, cleared brush and vegetation from campgrounds.



Looking north-east towards the Trinity Alps

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Pacific Southwest Region



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$146,211	\$8,692,283
Special Uses	\$8,163	\$1,079,413
Interagency Passes	\$7,120	\$335,915
Total	\$161,495	\$10,107,611
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$56,862	\$4,014,387
Visitor Services	\$32,660	\$1,584,559
Law Enforcement	\$5,305	\$205,510
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$10,784
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$2,790
Collections/Overhead	\$10,148	\$512,081
Total	\$104,976	\$6,330,111