Student Spruce Palmetto

The Enoree Passage is a 36-mile stretch of the over 400-mile mountains-to-the-sea Palmetto Trail. Equestrians, mountain bikers and hikers all use this stretch located in the rolling hills of the South Carolina piedmont. The Forest used $3,500 of recreation fee funds to leverage. Student Conservation Association, Youth Conservation Corps, and Palmetto Conservation Foundation help to maintain the trail. The work took three weeks and included trail tread repair, trail blazing, brushing, and boardwalk repair along 11 miles of the trail.

Two OHV Trails Receive Help

The Enoree OHV Trail travels for 25 miles through rolling hills, forests and bottomland hardwoods in the piedmont of South Carolina offering interconnected loops where riders can plan trips of varying lengths. The Forest used $11,500 in recreation fee funds to leverage $77,050 in Recreational Trails Program grant funds, over 400 volunteer hours, and a week of youth crew time. Crews maintained the trail tread, replaced 470 feet of split rail fence, installed 40 feet of new fence at the trailhead, repaired the loading and unloading ramp at the trailhead and constructed a .3 mile beginner loop trail.

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.

The Wambaw Cycle Trail is a popular 40 mile trail system located near Charleston designed for all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, and mountain bikes. A 1,000 year flood destroyed part of the trail in October 2015. In 2016 the Forest used $6,000 in recreation fees funds to leverage $48,000 in Recreational Trails Program grant funds, and equipment and labor from the Coastal Off-Road Riders Association to repair over 2,000 feet of trail tread.
Accomplishment Highlights 2016

Other Accomplishments

• Funded a swift water rescue course for Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River partners. $1,540
• Coordinated over 50 volunteers during the 4th Annual Chattooga Wild and Scenic River Sweep where 1,368 lbs of litter and 200 lbs of tires were collected. Volunteers included the Oconee Hiking Club, Pendleton Area Saddle Club, Chattooga River Fly Shop, St. Mark United Methodist Church, Westminster Boy Scouts and the Chattooga River outfitters.
• Supported a OHV trail host who provided information and education to riders, assisted those in trouble on the trail, monitored trail conditions and reported trail needs. $4,000
• Maintained developed fee sites, including mowing and cleaning ($4,500 in fee funds with over $10,000 in appropriated and other funds).
• Repaired plumbing, and built two picnic tables and rock fire rings at the Woods Ferry Campground. $3,400
• Increased coverage on weekends and holidays to provide visitor information, education and assistance.
• Supported campground hosts who provided visitor information, monitored sites, performed trash collection, and cleaned bathrooms and campsites.

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Southern Region

Revenue & Expenditures

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

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