



Cleveland National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Enjoying Laguna Recreation Area with Eco-Signing



The Laguna Recreation Area encompasses a very large portion of the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area on the Forest.

This area is only 40 minutes from downtown San Diego but it is almost like visiting another part of the country as the terrain transitions from a desert environment to a mountain top conifer forest.

In 2017 the Forest began a signage improvement project at fee areas, which cost about \$10,000 in recreation fee funds.

Working new signs for Aqua Dulce Trailhead, Wooded Hill Campground, Laguna Mountain Recreation Area, and Desert View Picnic Area. Many signs were made from recycled plastics.

Top: New campground sign

Bottom: Finishing up interpretive sign installation.



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.



New split rail fence and signs in the Laguna Recreation Area.

Other Accomplishments

- Installed new signs and picnic tables at four trailheads, three campgrounds, and one recreation area.
- Pumped toilets treated water systems.
- Maintained and repaired recreation facilities.
- Staffed holiday weekends and very busy snow-play weekends.
- Removed hazard trees in fee campgrounds.
- Helped develop a new map, installed by a Boy Scout Troop, for a new kiosk at the Holy Jim Trailhead.
- Striped fee parking lots.
- Improved host site and replaced signs at Observatory



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New bear proof trash cans in campgrounds

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

| Revenue* | Forest | Region |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Recreation Fees | \$699,135 | \$8,820,731 |
| Special Uses | \$14,171 | \$1,208,449 |
| Interagency Passes | \$100,302 | \$802,500 |
| Total | \$813,608 | \$10,831,679 |
| Expenditures | Forest | Region |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$482,884 | \$4,724,634 |
| Visitor Services | \$200,581 | \$2,426,694 |
| Law Enforcement | \$83,480 | \$257,003 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$380 | \$32,340 |
| Fee Agreements | \$1,911 | \$33,584 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$78,478 | \$791,294 |
| Total | \$847,714 | \$8,265,549 |

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