



Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Wilderness Ranger Academy



The Forest, with support of recreation fees, hosted the 2017 Interagency Wilderness Ranger Academy June 5-9. Wilderness Rangers and staff from multiple agencies received field training and certifications on such topics as Wilderness history, cross-cut saw use, Wilderness first-aid, or Wilderness First Responder. Other training on stock use, Leave-No-Trace, visitor contacts, map, compass and GPS training, heritage resources in Wilderness areas, and bear awareness were also part of the course.

Presentations and programs are essential to ensure Wilderness rangers are well prepared for a season in the backcountry.

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.



Maintaining Wilderness Character

The Desolation Wilderness is a very popular destination located high in the Sierra's overlooking scenic Lake Tahoe. Managed by the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Eldorado National Forest, and supported by \$164,000 in recreation fee dollars. In 2017, Wilderness



staff provided education programs, supported volunteers, and hiked and patrolled many miles of trail. During this time crews collected over 200 pounds of trash, restored campsites, and also cut-out over 300 trees with cross-cut saws. Wilderness rangers also worked on campsite monitoring and restoration projects, and provided leadership support for a youth conservation program known as "Generation Green".

Recreation fee funds also helped to restore the Corral trail and maintain access points into the Wilderness.



Working on a lake in the Wilderness

Other Accomplishments

- Facilitated outfitter and guide operations that assisted the Forest in interpretation and education programs focusing on Leave-No-Trace and Wilderness ethics.
- Increased capacity for issuing permits for multiple recreation activities.
- Provided program support for 13 recreation events including running, walking, and mountain biking around the Lake Tahoe Basin. Issued and monitored guided snowmobile activities.
- Led the nation in the National Wilderness Stewardship Program at Desolation Wilderness, which receives 180,000 visitors annually.



Desolation Wilderness overlooking Lake Tahoe



Desolation Wilderness

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$283,261	\$8,820,731
Special Uses	\$15,577	\$1,208,449
Interagency Passes	\$26,541	\$802,500
Total	\$325,380	\$10,831,679
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$53,268	\$4,724,634
Visitor Services	\$138,154	\$2,426,694
Law Enforcement	\$9,124	\$257,003
Habitat Restoration	\$6,200	\$32,340
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$33,584
Collections/Overhead	\$24,928	\$791,294
Total	\$231,674	\$8,265,549

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