



# Los Padres National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

### Restoration Projects at Campgrounds



The forest offers beautiful camping areas that range widely from low to high elevation, riverside to forested, and primitive to developed. Most of the campsites tend to be directed toward the more primitive camping experience.

In 2017 the forest restored Chuchupate, Halfmoon, Ballinger, Pine Springs, and Kings Campgrounds using recreation fee funds. The work included the installation of 35 new accessible fire rings and concrete pads, 18 metal picnic tables, two new campground signs, and one new bulletin board.

In addition, the forest cleaned and painted picnic tables, painted toilet buildings, painted signs, cleared brush back from road ways and barriers, and relocated entrance signs, and bulletin boards.



*Pine Springs Campground*



*Ballinger Campground*

### 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.

### Wildflower Program

Figueroa Mountain abounds in spring wildflowers, which attracts many visitors. To help people enjoy the beautiful blossoms, the forest created a new Figueroa Wildflower Identification Guide, held a wildflower tour, which attracted 34 visitors, and shared information about blossoming events through the forest web page, Facebook, and email.

*Spring wildflower tour on Figueroa Mountain*



## Other Accomplishments

- Felled and removed hundreds of dead trees were felled and removed from campgrounds and day use sites.
- Supported snow play by providing portable toilets and trash dumpsters as well as staff for traffic control and emergency response.
- Installed two bear proof trash cans at Piedra Blanca Trailhead.
- Maintained campgrounds by removing trash, pumping toilets, painting tables, cleaning fire rings and barbecues, painting and updating bulletin boards and information kiosks.
- Provided on-site presence to assist visitors and help prevent vandalism and illegal activities.



*Chumash Wilderness Sunset*



*New Bear Proof Trash Can at Piedra Blanca Trailhead*



*Portable Toilets and Trash Dumpsters Waiting For Snow Play*

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## Regional Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$284,752	\$8,820,731
Special Uses	\$15,009	\$1,208,449
Interagency Passes	\$65,220	\$802,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$364,981</b>	<b>\$10,831,679</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$91,000	\$4,724,634
Visitor Services	\$40,830	\$2,426,694
Law Enforcement	\$6,000	\$257,003
Habitat Restoration	\$2,177	\$32,340
Fee Agreements	\$4,594	\$33,584
Collections/Overhead	\$36,100	\$791,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,701</b>	<b>\$8,265,549</b>

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