



Mendocino National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

From Fires to Campgrounds

The Mendocino Hotshots helped provide a safe and clean environment for visitors to Red Bluff Recreation Area.

The hotshot crew felled or limbed numerous hazard trees along trails, and at boat launches, parking lots and camp sites. In addition, they burned slash piles, removed noxious weeds along trails, and installed picnic tables.

Integrating with employees from other disciplines helps to build stronger forest connections and appreciation for all the types of work and uses that occur on the forest.



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.



Pine Mountain Lookout Repairs



Pine Mountain Lookout was one of the first lookouts constructed on the forest. Used to detect fires from 1933-1942, it became a site for aircraft defense monitoring along with with the lookouts on Garrett and Sanhedrin mountains during World War II. It is also historically significant in that it offers a 180 degree view instead of the typical 360 degree that most lookouts have.

Now a cabin rental, the lookout experienced some fire damage a few years ago. Since then, the forest has been addressing some structural issues associated with the walls to enable the cabin to open back up. This work was finished in 2017 with the cabin

Looking good once again.

The lookout is typically open from May through October and sleeps 8.



Other Accomplishments

- Maintained and repaired all water systems.
- Maintained all fee campgrounds by providing electricity and fans, cleaning and pumping toilets, and providing water and garbage.
- Refurbished redwood picnic tables.
- Completed hazard tree removal, weed/tree trimming, and removal of forest debris.
- Conducted accessibility surveys at various recreation sites.
- Installed eight pedestal grills, repaired pot holes in road, repaired leaky bathroom roof, installed 48 feet of low impact barriers, and replaced a large trail head sign at Middle Creek Campground crews
- Installed annual firebreaks, maintained pumps, pumped toilets and septic systems, provided law enforcement, support campground host and monitored four special use permits at Red Bluff Recreation Area.



Letts Lake adjacent to Letts Lake Campground, one of the premier recreation sites on the Forest.

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Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$159,432	\$8,820,731
Special Uses	\$2,462	\$1,208,449
Interagency Passes	\$6,091	\$802,500
Total	\$167,984	\$10,831,679
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$49,233	\$4,724,634
Visitor Services	\$25,203	\$2,426,694
Law Enforcement	\$23,865	\$257,003
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$32,340
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$33,584
Collections/Overhead	\$18,516	\$791,294
Total	\$116,817	\$8,265,549

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