



# Plumas National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

### Lakes Basin Ready for Visitors – Both People and Bears

The forest purchased and installed three picnic tables, three bear boxes, ten bulletin boards, and four trailhead signs for the Lakes Basin Recreation Area. The forest also installed portable toilets as more people are visiting the area, requiring increased need for sanitation facilities. The costs associated with these activities totaled approximately \$13,000 in recreation fee funds.

The Lakes Basin Recreation Area has breathtaking scenery and over 20 small lakes nearby, most of which are accessible by hiking trails. This area provides a multitude of recreational activities including camping, fishing, boating, hunting, mountain biking, horseback riding, picnicking, hiking, and windsurfing. In the winter visitors can ice fish, snowmobile, cross-country ski, and snowshoe.



### No More Leaks

Little Grass Valley Reservoir is a popular summer recreation destination; however, the campgrounds have been in need of modernization and upgrades. In 2017, recreation fee revenue leveraged a sustainability micro-grant to replace 15 leaking water spigots with certified water sense compliant faucets. This change not only helps visitors, but contributes to a healthy functioning ecosystem by saving enough water each year to keep one large pine tree watered for over two years.

In addition, the forest replaced 159 campground site number marker posts with the help of a volunteer trainee. Recreation fee revenue of \$90,000 helped to fund these projects along with regular campground operations and maintenance.



### 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.

## Other Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained campground and day use facilities at Little Grass Valley Recreation Area and the Lakes Basin Recreation Area.
- Supported six volunteer campground hosts, who assisted with visitor information services as well as site maintenance.
- Supported seasonal recreation employees and volunteers.
- Repaired damaged floating courtesy docks at two separate boat ramps.



*Forest vista from Pike County Lookout  
photo courtesy of Michelle Ahearn*



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## Regional Map



## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$217,438	\$8,820,731
Special Uses	\$56,234	\$1,208,449
Interagency Passes	\$17,231	\$802,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$290,903</b>	<b>\$10,831,679</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$133,221	\$4,724,634
Visitor Services	\$36,375	\$2,426,694
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$257,003
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$32,340
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$33,584
Collections/Overhead	\$21,925	\$791,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,520</b>	<b>\$8,265,549</b>