Facelift at Girard Ridge Lookout

The Girard Ridge Lookout, located at 4,809 feet above the Sacramento River Canyon, was constructed in 1931 and restored in 1997. In 2017, the forest invested $6,000 of recreation fee funds into the lookout by replacing the staircase to meet safety standards, installing a vapor barrier to protect internal supports from decay, installing a new sheathing to meet historical standards which increased shear strength and protection of internal framing and support posts, and replacing two 10x10 inch rotten and decaying structural/main support beams.

Improved Trailhead and Trail

The forest constructed 3-panel kiosk and improved the access facilities at the Bunny Flat Trailhead, which is a year-round Wilderness access point. About $9,000 of recreation fee funds helped to fabricate the signs, while numerous partners and donors assisted with the construction of the kiosk, rockwork, and installation.

Learning Outside and Inside

The forest presented about 35 interpretive and educational programs at campgrounds and schools reaching over 1,500 people. In addition the forest offered a number of guided trail walks. Many expressed appreciation in learning about their national forest through these interactive programs.

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

- Maintained water system at Hayden Flat and Forest Glen.
- Patrolled Mt. Shasta Wilderness to meet with visitors and climbers and share education programs.
- Performed search and rescue operations on Mt. Shasta.
- Patrolled campgrounds, day use areas, boat ramps, and trailheads on busy weekends.
- Provided expanded law enforcement patrols on three of the busiest weekends.
- Administered and monitored 720 private recreation occupancy vessels (ROVs) on Shasta and Trinity Lakes that are under special use permit.
- Partnered with Shasta Lake Boaters Association and Trinity Lake Houseboat Association to perform the annual inspections.
- Improved Red Fir Flat Group Campground by installing gate to delineate group site from day use, installing a new metal fire ring, installing an information board, and rehabilitating vehicle damaged ground.

Full moon interpretive hike on the Bailey Cove Trail at Shasta Lake

Middle Falls on the McCloud River

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Revenue & Expenditures

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