



Angeles National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

Promoting Clean Camp Sites



Brand new equipment and a happy operator!

There are several remote fee sites on the forest that have very high use levels – so high that they need a forest-run trash collection system to supplement paid companies. In 2019, the forest replaced two old trucks with one new truck, using \$15,000 in recreation fee funds. The cost of buying a new truck was less than the projected cost of repairs and maintenance (\$25,000). The new truck is a vital tool in maintaining clean facilities for forest visitors.

Cooperative Stewardship



Completed with the help of the California Conservation Corps

Crystal Lake Campground and the Oaks Picnic Area are popular places on the forest. The Oaks has plenty of space for family gatherings and visitors can cool off in the waters of the nearby East Fork. The campground offers year-round camping, only a mile from Crystal Lake and close to the popular Crystal Lake Café.

Recreation fee dollars supports a partnership with the California Conservation Corps. With local centers in Pomona and downtown Los Angeles, California Conservation Corps is an experienced crew that can work independently to supplement forest efforts. In 2019, the crew rebuilt 200 feet of railing along the historic hand built rock stairs at Crystal Lake and installed new bins to dispose of hot coals at the Oaks Picnic Area.



Oaks Picnic Area coal disposal bin

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

- Removed an estimated 10,000 tons of garbage and one million gallons of sewage from the forest annually.
- Replaced vault toilets at Chantry, Manker, Oak Flat, Sycamore Flat, Big Rock and South Fork developed recreation sites.
- Started construction at Vetter Mountain Lookout in the Charlton Flat Picnic Area and the Wildwood Picnic Area, leveraging mitigation funds from Southern California Edison.
- Worked with non-profit partner Amigos De Los Rios to design and install interpretive kiosks at five developed recreation sites.
- Worked with interpretive associations to manage three visitor information centers adjacent to developed recreation fee sites, such as the San Gabriel Mountains Heritage Association at Mt. Baldy.
- Supplemented the forest staff through partnerships with the 21st Century Service Corps, California Conservation Corps and American Conservation Experience.
- Partnered with State Agency Watershed Conservation Authority to demolish unused buildings at the Crystal Lake Campground.



The backyard to Los Angeles

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Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$218,823	\$2,309,376
Special Uses	\$79,236	\$1,252,856
Interagency Passes	\$4,960	\$122,160
Total	\$303,019	\$3,684,392
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$138,950	\$1,810,965
Visitor Services	\$17,834	\$898,833
Law Enforcement	\$8,083	\$73,214
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$107,037
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$14,720
Collections/Overhead	\$6,505	\$279,237
Total	\$171,372	\$3,184,006

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