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# Cleveland National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

### Improvements at El Prado



Large group campsite picnic table being repaired at the Laguna Campground

The El Prado Group Campground within the Laguna Mountain National Recreation Area is one of the forest's heavily used group campgrounds. The fees collected at this site helped to maintain and improve the existing facilities and amenities provided for the campers. In 2019, the forest used recreation fee dollars to improve campground amenities. Maintenance crews saved money by refurbishing existing picnic tables within the campground using recreation fee funds for materials and salaries.



El Prado Group 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.

### Sign Upgrades at Laguna

The forest has spent three years working to improve its interpretive panels and informational signage on the forest. In 2019, the forest used recreation fee funds to improve signage in the Pioneer Mail Picnic Area and Trailhead within the Laguna Mountain National Recreation Area.



Pioneer Mail Trailhead sign replacement

This running group helps the forest manage its extensive recreational trail system and the Pacific Crest National Trail which begins at the U.S./Mexico border and continues north to the Canadian border.

## Providing Pure Water

The forest has an extensive potable water management plan which includes systems at multiple fee sites. The system is extensive enough to require a dedicated staff person. Cleaning holding tanks can require hiring contractors to scuba dive into the tank and clean it while it contains water or draining the tank completely cleaning and repainting the inside and then refilling it!

In 2019, the forest spent recreation fee funds to protect potable water in three ways:

- \$1,904 to the county of San Diego, for annual water system permits.
- \$1,750 for SCADA monitoring at some sites, which provides "real-time" monitoring and control of our various water system components.
- Paid for monthly water quality testing at these sites.



*Frye Creek Campground potable water reservoir cleaning*



*Winter Snow on the Santa Ana Mountains*

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## Regional Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$1,116,698	\$9,140,351
Special Uses	\$9,139	\$1,297,840
Interagency Passes	\$46,860	\$502,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,172,697</b>	<b>\$10,940,351</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$256,858	\$4,261,296
Visitor Services	\$99,437	\$2,512,317
Law Enforcement	\$41,945	\$228,114
Habitat Restoration	\$188	\$24,966
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$20,122
Collections/Overhead	\$133,869	\$899,107
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$532,297</b>	<b>\$7,945,922</b>

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