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Modoc National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

Clearing Trail With Hotshots

Part of the forest's emphasis is on trail maintenance, the recreation staff worked with two volunteers from the Back-Country Horseman Association using GPS to delineate and flag an overgrown trail known as the Red Tail Rim Trail. They placed 100 posts on the 19 miles of trail that will be used by bikers, hikers and equine riders. The Smith



Smith River Hotshots taking a break from removing hazard trees

River Hot Shots, and other visiting fire resources, conducted maintenance at Medicine Lake, which included putting in water bars, as well as removal of hazardous trees and snags. In addition, trails within the South Warner Wilderness, received logout work by Back-Country Horseman Association-including Emerson Trail North and South and Pine Creek Basin. Five volunteers completed 58 hours of work for this project.

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.



Insuring Year-Round Access

The Modoc partnered with the Klamath and Shasta-Trinity National Forests to develop a Tri-Forest Snowmobile Trails Network. During the winter months an employee was instrumental with the Over Snow Vehicles program management and trail maintenance



The snow groomer used for the Tri-Forest snowmobile trails network

associated with the Modoc's coverage of the Tri-Forest Network. Forest staff used funding from the State of California OHV Program to manage an Inter-agency Agreement with Lava Beds National Monument, which covered plowing the road to the Door Knob Winter Recreation Area so the public could access the Tri-Forest Snowmobile Trails. The Lava Beds Maintenance Crew was responsible for plowing the 49 Road, so campers could enter the popular Medicine Lake Campground.

US Fish and Wildlife Training



Sizing-up a hazard tree for removal.

In 2019, the forest partnered with the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge to manage 12 teenage Youth Conservation Corps interns. Crews completed maintenance and improvements at the Medicine Lake Campground over a six-week period. In addition, crews teamed with Student

Conservation Association interns and the Backcountry Horsemen on trips into the Warner Mountain Wilderness. The appraised value according to accumulated hours was \$12,200.

Other Accomplishments

- Maintained and managed campgrounds, including: cleaned and pumped toilets, maintained, monitored and sampled drinking water system and water quality, collected trash and recycling.
- Provided campground hosts at Medicine Lake and Blue Lake Campgrounds. Hosts provided visitor information, monitored sites, collected trash and cleaned bathrooms and campsites.
- Supported the 26-mile "Art of Survival Century" bicycle ride. This annual event promotes local communities, history and bicycling in the beautiful outdoors.
- Supported the Pit River Tribe's annual Tribal gathering at Medicine Lake Campground. This five-day event allowed 300 people to enjoy one of the most sacred locations on the forest.



Medicine Lake



Recreation Technician surveying the Red Tail Rim Trail to inform future maintenance projects

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$62,197	\$9,140,351
Special Uses	\$0	\$1,297,840
Interagency Passes	\$80	\$502,160
Total	\$62,277	\$10,940,351
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$10,910	\$4,261,296
Visitor Services	\$30,821	\$2,512,317
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$228,114
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$24,966
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$20,122
Collections/Overhead	\$330	\$899,107
Total	\$42,061	\$7,945,922

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