

Tahoe National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

New and Improved Signage

Signage is one of the first things visitors notice at developed recreation facilities and are a direct representation of the quality of forest management. In 2019, the forest used \$15,000 in recreation fee funds to replace or refurbish signs along forest roads and within the Sugar Pine and French Meadows recreation complexes. Forest staff replaced and upgraded bulletin boards; and replaced a multitude of directional signs, fee signs, campsite signs and traffic signs that were faded or in disrepair. The new signs are just one component of the forest's ongoing deferred maintenance program to upgrade campground facilities and amenities.



New entry sign at Talbot Campground

Natural Vegetation Protected

The forest used \$10,000 in recreation fee funds to install boulder barriers at Boca Rest Campground. The barriers defined the roads and spurs in the campground and restricted vehicles to intended areas. Work crews broke up hardened soils in the new areas protected by the boulders, giving native brush and grasses a chance to reestablish. Before this project the popular campground was an ill-defined developed recreation area sited on several acres of hardened surface adjacent to Boca Reservoir. Better-defined campsites and parking spurs created by the barriers, along with new directional signs and campsite markers help visitors better navigate the facilities while protecting and enhancing the campground's natural resources.



Installing boulder barriers at Boca Rest 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.

Youth Improve Experience



Youth crew posing for a picture at a campsite

In 2019, the forest hosted a number of youth and volunteer groups, including the Youth Conservation Corps, Great Basin Institute, Americorps and Student Conservation Association. The forest used \$10,000 in recreation fee funds to support these job training opportunities. Student work crews built fences to protect resources, removed non-native invasive plants, restored campsites, installed signs, painted picnic tables and cleaned up hazard tree debris at recreation sites.

Other Accomplishments

- Weather-proofed cabin windows at Calpine Lookout.
- Administered Christmas Tree permit program across the forest.
- Operated and maintained dozens of potable water systems at forest campgrounds.
- Prepared and resurfaced 150-picnic tables at White Cloud, Yuba Pass, Indian Springs, North Fork, Shirttail and Robinson Flat Campgrounds.
- Installed recycling bins at Carlton, Rocky Rest, Cal-Ida, Wild Plum, Salmon Creek and Sardine Lake Campgrounds.
- Removed over 200 large hazard trees at White Cloud, Wild Plum, Loganville and Skillman Campgrounds, followed by a heavy cleanup of associated slash and debris.
- Installed 22 new bear-proof food lockers at White Cloud Campground.
- Repaired, sanded and painted toilets across the forest.
- Cleaned sumps and replaced spigots across the forest.
- Led interpretive programs at family campgrounds every weekend during high-use season, reaching several thousand campers.
- Bucked and split felled hazard trees, providing free firewood to campers across the forest.



Sierra Buttes from Sand Pond Recreation Area.

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Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$1,626,434	\$9,140,351
Special Uses	\$131,367	\$1,297,840
Interagency Passes	\$21,720	\$502,160
Total	\$1,779,521	\$10,940,351
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,165,712	\$4,261,296
Visitor Services	\$98,195	\$2,512,317
Law Enforcement	\$20,946	\$228,114
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$24,966
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$20,122
Collections/Overhead	\$279,747	\$899,107
Total	\$1,564,600	\$7,945,922

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