



## Recreation Program Fee Accomplishment Report 2012

*Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use and value.*

### Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees:

- Operated and maintained family and group campgrounds in Crystal Basin and Wrights Lake areas, Lovers Leap, Dru Barner and Middle Fork campgrounds.
- Completed operations and maintenance tasks at Robb's Hut, Loon Lake Chalet, Van Vleck Bunkhouse, Sly Guard and Harvey West recreation rentals.
- Presented interpretive programs at Wrights Lake Amphitheater, including *Impact Monster* skits, campfire gatherings and wildflower walks.
- Served 8,900 walk-in visitors and answered approximately 800 phone calls at Crystal Information Station between mid-May and mid-October. Staff provided information on campground and recreation rental availability, distributed maps and recreational opportunity guides, and answered visitor questions on off-highway vehicle areas, hiking information, recreation passes and campfire permits.
- Leveraged a Secure Rural Schools grant and partnered with a four-wheel drive club to resurface campground roads at South Fork Campground.
- Supported a summer Wilderness Ranger in the Carson Pass area, a portal to Mokelumne Wilderness, who patrolled, contacted visitors and provided wilderness education, maintained trails, and coordinated with and supervised volunteer groups.
- Partnered with Mokelumne Wilderness Volunteers and provided visitor education and information, and maintained trails in the Carson Pass portal area. In 2012, 25 volunteers donated 863 hours of service.
- Supported Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association volunteers who served over 11,000 visitors at the Carson Pass Information Station and contributed 3,152 hours.
- Issued and administered special use permits for 18 recreation events and 23 outfitter guides.
- Coordinated an "Adopt-a-Trail" work party at Lovers Leap; volunteers and Forest Service staff cleared culverts and maintained ditches and repaired rock work along Lower Buttress Trail.

### Special Feature

Loon Lake Chalet is more than your typical recreation rental. In the winter its proximity to a network of more than 30 miles of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails and the Rubicon OHV Trail make it an extremely popular warming hut that often receives 200 visitors on a busy weekend. Groups come to practice winter survival skills such as snow shelter building, while others come for snowball fights and sledding fun.



### Eldorado National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

#### Revenue\*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$293,604
Special Uses	\$6,490
Interagency Pass	\$5,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$305,764</b>

#### Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$197,142
Visitor Services	\$62,433
Cost of Collections	\$16,461
Law Enforcement	\$10,974
Habitat Restoration	\$2,579
Fee Agreements	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$289,589</b>

\* Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

## Eldorado Accomplishments Continued

Partnered with Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit to support projects in the Desolation Wilderness:

- Coordinated with National Recreation Reservation Service and implemented a new online Wilderness Permit system.
- Continued to fund staff at the permit office to provide wilderness education to walk-in visitors.
- Staffed displays at REI stores in Reno and Sacramento and provided trip planning assistance and information on obtaining Wilderness permits online through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).
- Funded Wilderness rangers who made visitor contacts, and cleared and maintained over 156 miles of trail, and removed illegal campfire rings in Desolation Wilderness.
- Provided support and training for more than 50 Desolation Wilderness Volunteers (DWV), who contributed over 3,700 hours of service. These volunteers assisted with wilderness visitor encounter monitoring, public outreach efforts, campsite monitoring and restoration, visitor assistance in the permit office and with trip planning activities.
- Partnered with Generation Green, Student Conservation Association (SCA), and DWV and reconstructed 1.3 miles of Mosquito Pass Trail, constructed a 50' turnpike on Rockbound Trail, completed heavy maintenance on 2 miles of the Twin Lakes Trail, and rerouted a portion of trail connecting the Pacific Crest Trail to Lake Aloha.
- Partnered with Wilderness Volunteers (WV), SCA, Backcountry Horsemen, and DWV and rehabilitated campsites at Lake Sylvia, Lake Aloha, Upper and Lower Twin Lakes and Maude Lake.



A Wilderness Ranger overlooks Lake Aloha just below Mt. Price.

## More Information

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## Pacific Southwest Region Revenue & Expenditures

### Revenue\*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,699,845
Special Uses	\$929,554
Interagency Pass	\$247,532
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,876,932</b>

### Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$2,785,768
Visitor Services	\$1,619,232
Cost of Collections	\$642,326
Law Enforcement	\$181,261
Habitat Restoration	\$11,894
Fee Agreements	\$818
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,368,637</b>

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