



## 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:

#### Mount Whitney Visitor Services:

- Supported three wilderness rangers who issued wilderness permits, provided visitor information and food storage advice, completed trail maintenance tasks and supported the human waste pack it out program for Mt. Whitney Trail. Annually, 20,000 hikers use this trail.
- Created and posted a downloadable version of *Hiking the Mt. Whitney Trail* and regularly updated trail condition and general wilderness trailhead information on the forest web site.
- Partnered with various organizations and co-sponsored the annual National Trails Day project. Volunteers and employees removed winter storm debris from the portal picnic area and walk-in campsites and completed wilderness trail maintenance tasks.
- Trained and supported Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns who patrolled backcountry trails, contacted visitors, and completed various maintenance tasks.
- Presented Leave-No-Trace training to partners and volunteers and supported them in a major reconstruction project on Mt. Whitney Trail.

#### Reds Meadow Valley:

- Removed several hundred trees fallen across trails; trails were impassable to hikers and stock before clearing.
- Contacted 9,000 campers and shared recreation and bear safety information.

#### Ansel Adams, Golden Trout, Hoover, and John Muir Wildernesses:

- Staffed the forest's Wilderness Permit Information Office year-round and provided visitor information and trip planning and wilderness reservation assistance.
- Transitioned the Wilderness permit reservation system to an online service ([www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)).

### Special Feature

A highly unusual 2011-12 winter windstorm caused severe damage to campground facilities, roads and trails in Reds Meadow Valley. Fee dollars were used to clear fallen trees, support the massive clean-up effort and replace some of the lost facilities. Below, a damaged recycling bin in one of the affected campgrounds that was later replaced with the help of fee funds.



### Inyo National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

#### Revenue\*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$949,147
Special Uses	\$73,797
Interagency Pass	\$83,708
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,106,652</b>

#### Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$143,149
Visitor Services	\$420,969
Cost of Collections	\$49,023
Law Enforcement	\$13,327
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$626,468</b>

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

## Inyo Accomplishments Continued

Schulman Grove Interpretive Site/Visitor Center:

- Staffed a temporary visitor information center and provided Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, road and trail information; maintained facilities; and assisted with book store operations and pass sales.
- Completed exhibits for the new visitor center including a DVD showing the geologic creation of the Great Basin.

White Mountain Ranger Station/Public Information Center:

- Funded visitor information staff who provided recreation information, issued wilderness permits and rented food storage canisters.
- Redesigned, fabricated and installed a new welcome exhibit.

Lee Vining Campgrounds:

- Repaired roofs, repainted exteriors and replaced fixtures in restrooms.
- Removed 5,400 cubic feet of hazard trees from campgrounds to improve visitor safety.



Volunteers set rigging to slide a log into place during Whitney Portal Trails Day.



New welcome exhibit at White Mountain Ranger Station/Public Lands Information Center.

## 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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