



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:

- Supported a River Ranger on the Kings River from April 15 through July 1 who provided visitor information and education, cleaned restrooms, inventoried and monitored developed and dispersed campsites, recorded boat counts, and performed law enforcement duties.
- Applied weed abatement to sites in Kirch Flat Campground in Kings River Special Management Area.
- Funded volunteers and employees to patrol Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, and Kaiser Wilderness areas between July 1 and September 30. Rangers contacted visitors and provided information and assistance at all elevations. In addition, they inventoried campsites, naturalized impacted areas, installed signs, maintained trails and removed garbage.
- Worked with commercial outfitter and guide operators to improve guided opportunities for visitors, outdoor land ethics and permit compliance.
- Processed and administered recreation event special use permits and worked with permit holders to ensure events are successful for visitors. The forest authorized 5K and 10K runs, fishing derbies, bicycling and motorized events, and sailing regattas in 2012.
- Removed downed trees, rocks and debris and re-opened Wilderness trails impacted by unusually heavy winter snows.



John Muir Wilderness

Special Feature

If climbing over large boulders and down steep hills in the backcountry with your four-wheel drive or ATV is your idea of fun, check out Swamp Lake motorized trail. But its challenging terrain is only the beginning; this trail also boasts incredible views of Kings River and Nelson Mountain. There are also great places along the way to camp if you want to make your trip an overnigher. Fee funds support maintenance on this trail as well as many others across the forest.



Sierra National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$38,106
Special Uses	\$54,197
Interagency Pass	\$12,236
Total	\$104,538

Expenditures*

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$30,360
Visitor Services	\$88,468
Cost of Collections	\$16,721
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$135,549

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.

Sierra Accomplishments Continued

- Funded Visitor Information Specialists who contacted over 10,000 people and answered questions about Wilderness, river rafting, camping and recreation passes; and issued Wilderness reservations and permits. Staffed Bass Lake District Ranger Station, Clover Meadow and Eastwood visitor contact stations, and Mariposa and Oakhurst visitor bureaus five days each week and High Sierra Ranger Station daily.



Before and after photos of a segment of Suicide Trail.

Drainage structures were installed and the trailway reconstructed to control water runoff and soil erosion into nearby streams.



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
Total	\$7,876,932

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
Total	\$5,368,637

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