



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 an interpretive host at Sourgrass Recreation Area who provided visitor information and education, and maintained all 50 campsites and the day-use area.
- Sponsored volunteers who removed hundreds of young conifer trees encroaching into the oak forest and archaeological areas as part of a service project.
- Completed maintenance and operations tasks (pumped vault toilets, removed trash and hazard trees, repainted and restained picnic tables, kiosks and building exteriors) at Hull Creek, Cascade Creek, Mill Creek, Niagara ORV, Niagara Creek, and Fence Creek campgrounds.
- Supported unique weekly interpretive and educational programs by contracting professional naturalists, storytellers, musicians, herpetologists, wild animal rescuers, and Native American cultural demonstrators for campground presentations.
- Ensured river campsites along the Tuolumne River and Meral's Pool put-in were cleaned regularly.
- Funded two River Rangers who provided visitor information and assistance along waterways over a four month time period.



Camping at Highland Lake

Special Feature

With nearly one-quarter of the forest designated Wilderness, keeping it unspoiled can be challenging. That's where the Stanislaus Wilderness Volunteers (SWV) come in. This nationally recognized volunteer group preserves wilderness character through education, example and plain hard work. In 2012, fee funds were leveraged with the efforts of SWV and Emigrant Wilderness Interns to educate visitors, clean campsites, clear trail, and monitor and map resource impacts.



Stanislaus National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$78,294
Special Uses	\$56,396
Interagency Pass	\$7,920
Total	\$142,609

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$43,954
Visitor Services	\$48,235
Cost of Collections	\$13,126
Law Enforcement	\$5,469
Habitat Restoration	\$2,973
Fee Agreements	\$818
Total	\$114,575

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

Stanislaus Accomplishments Continued

- Processed and administered 12 recreation event special use permits.
- Leveraged grant funds and hired two Wilderness interns who assisted with 40 outfitter and guide field inspections, inventoried 313 Wilderness campsites, surveyed 24 trail miles for invasive weeds, removed over a ton of trash, rehabilitated 1,105 fire rings, cleared 141 miles of trail, and contacted 5,474 Wilderness visitors.
- Funded four student interns who removed trash and eradicated weeds, completed flora and fauna surveys, provided visitor information and assistance in campground and wilderness areas, and presented 21 interpretive programs that reached 900 visitors.
- Leveraged SWV volunteer labor and removed and rehabilitated eight campsites within 100' of Gem Lake in the Emigrant Wilderness. This project resulted in improvement of ten acres of important yellow-legged frog (*Rana muscosa*) habitat.



Volunteers rehabilitated campsites at Gem Lake.

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.