



Recreation Program Fee Accomplishment Report 2013

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:

Visitor Information Services

- Funded staff who provided visitor information and education daily from May through September at South Tufa Recreation Area kiosk, Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center and Schulman Grove Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest Visitor Center. Staff also patrolled and maintained areas daily, and completed law enforcement duties.
- Purchased and installed four new interpretive exhibits at Schulman Grove Visitor Center and offered guided hikes at all three sites.

Lee Vining Canyon and Horseshoe Meadow Campgrounds

- Operated campgrounds from late April through early November.
- Supported volunteer campground hosts who provided visitors information and assistance and performed routine maintenance.
- Purchased and replaced the water system generator at Lee Vining Canyon campgrounds.
- Identified and removed hazard trees at sites.
- Replaced and/or repaired barriers and signs at all campgrounds.
- Hosted a Boy Scout troop who painted restrooms and picnic tables and repaired kiosks at Horseshoe Meadow Campground. Fee revenue supplied all tools and materials.



Schulman Grove Visitor Center, Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest

Special Feature

Reds Meadow shuttle has transported visitors into the valley and to Devils Postpile National Monument for over 30 years. Usually operating from mid-June until just after Labor Day, its operational season was extended in 2013 with the help of fee funds. The shuttle not only reduces parking congestion and vehicle emissions, it allows you to sit back and enjoy all the beauty of Reds Meadow Valley.



Inyo National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$853,246
Special Uses	\$93,032
Interagency Pass	\$95,448
Total	\$1,041,726

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$165,620
Visitor Services	\$486,467
Cost of Collections	\$58,501
Law Enforcement	\$15,192
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$725,780

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

Inyo Accomplishments Continued

Reds Meadow Shuttle

- Staffed Reds Meadow kiosk daily from June through October: Provided visitor information, law enforcement and patrols, interpretive and educational services and maintained facilities.
- Purchased and installed over 30 retro-reflective traffic signs.
- Distributed visitor information guide that included the bus schedule and a hiking map.

Wilderness Permit Reservation System/Mt. Whitney Trail

- Supported employees at the year-round Wilderness Permit Information Office: provided trip planning assistance, visitor information, and wilderness stewardship education in partnership with other forests and national parks. Served 66,500 wilderness visitors and issued 20,000 wilderness permits.
- Funded staff who upgraded recreation web site information associated with trip planning, visitor safety and forest information.
- Funded field presence on Mt. Whitney Trail from May through November; supported a wilderness manager and three wilderness rangers.
- Assisted county Sheriff with search and rescue operations.
- Hauled out hundreds of pounds of trash from Whitney Trail, including discarded human waste kits.
- Coordinated and supported two major, volunteer trail maintenance projects on Mt. Whitney Trail. Critical trail maintenance was completed during an American Hiking Society Volunteer project and on National Trails Day.



American Hiking Society volunteers and wilderness rangers performed trail maintenance along Mt. Whitney Trail.

More Information

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Pacific Southwest Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,456,100
Special Uses	\$765,873
Interagency Pass	\$244,641
Total	\$7,466,614

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,381,331
Visitor Services	\$1,827,894
Cost of Collections	\$746,841
Law Enforcement	\$323,204
Habitat Restoration	\$13,828
Fee Agreements	\$5,661
Total	\$6,298,759

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