



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 on the Tonto National Forest:

- Provide visitor information, facility maintenance and cleaning at all 50 recreation fee sites across the forest.
- Increased the number of local vendors selling the Tonto Pass, including a major grocery chain which increases visitor convenience in purchasing passes.
- Continued the partnership with Big 5 Sporting Goods to sell the Tonto Pass.
- Entered into a contract for garbage removal at several fee sites along the Lower Salt River.
- Installed two new toilets at two day use fee sites.
- Hosted over 130 recreation events and administered 67 outfitter and guide permits.

Special Feature

In September 2009, Mesa Ranger District held their 30th Annual Lower Salt River Clean Up. The district partnered with the Salt River Project and over 200 volunteers to pick up more than 4,000 pounds of garbage along the Lower Salt River. In addition to removing massive amounts of garbage, the Forest was able to spotlight Woodsy Owl and reach many recreation and forest visitors with helpful information about forest programs.



Photos from the Lower Salt River Clean Up



Tonto National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$406,475
Recreation Fees	\$2,379,651
Special Uses	\$61,403
Total	\$2,847,529

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$986,000
Visitor Services	\$536,238
Law Enforcement	\$277,580
Cost of Collections	\$249,010
Fee Agreement	\$37,487
Total	\$2,086,315

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



Fishing tournament at Windy Hill Campground

Tonto National Forest Planned Projects for 2010

- Increase overall pass sales and vendor locations.
- Provide visitor information, facility maintenance and cleaning at all recreation fee sites.
- Hold a Vendor Appreciation Day to let vendors know how valuable their partnership with the Tonto National Forest is.
- Apply for grant funding to be used on site improvements.



Kids at a playground at Cholla Campground

Recreation Program



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Southwestern Region Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$714,007
Recreation Fees	\$5,793,585
Special Uses	\$1,080,802
Total	\$7,588,395

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,152,721
Visitor Services	\$1,617,699
Law Enforcement	\$555,905
Cost of Collections	\$743,379
Habitat Restoration	\$2,000
Fee Agreements	\$37,487
Total	\$6,109,192

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