



White Mountain National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Tanking the Tank

The forest began a total renovation to the Glen Ellis Scenic Area. Phase I removed a defunct water system in 2015. What



remained was the dilemma of how to remove the 2,000 gallon water tank, located 300 feet up a steep hillside, which enabled a gravity feed water to the site. The final solution entailed a five person trail crew, using hand tools and grip hoists, to move the 6,000 pound steel water tank 100 yards. A local recycler then picked up the tank. This “outside the box” solution not only protected the site and reused the metal, but it gave crews a new set of skills. Recreation fee funds of \$45,000 paid for not only the tank removal, but the designs to implement Phase 2 – the construction of a parking area and trail, which construction of the parking lot and trail will be close to \$500,000.

The Importance of Toilets

With day use sites seeing an increase in visitor use, providing the proper toilet facility and maintaining to a clean standard has become paramount. In 2017, \$78,000 in recreation fee dollars were spent on constructing, improving, cleaning and pumping toilet facilities.



New toilet at Champney Falls

Secretary Visits the Kancamagus



USDA Secretary Sonny Purdue

The Kancamagus Scenic Byway is one of the most popular destinations for forest visitors, especially

during the fall foliage season. Each year recreation staff put in many hours maintaining the sites doing small tasks such as cleaning and painting to large tasks like fixing the stone walls at the many pavilions. In 2017 the Secretary of USDA swore in the new Chief of the Forest Service at the Russell-Colbath Historic site. It was an honor to have the Secretary and Chief on the “People’s Forest”, and interacting with visitors.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Other Accomplishments

- Completed routine maintenance such as mowing, trash collection, cleaning restrooms, vault toilet and septic tank pumping, minor building repairs, and plowing in winter.
- Enhanced public safety through hazard tree removal, drinking water testing, and assisting visitors in emergency situations.
- Funded additional Forest Service law enforcement patrols for public safety and assistance on holiday weekends.
- Removed snow at numerous trailheads to provide access for winter hiking, snowshoeing, mountaineering, and skiing.
- Installed new bear resistant container at Great Gulf.
- Installed new split rail fencing to protect the shoreline at Long Pond.
- Repaired the fences at Diana’s Bath and Russell-Colbath
- Repaired and upgraded the solar and plumbing at Lincoln Woods
- Collaborated with partners to provide interpretation at Brickett Place and Russell-Colbath historic sites

Special Recreation Permits

- Opened offices for extended hours to enable visitors to pick up Christmas tree permits.
- Hosted 12 recreation events from triathlons to hiking and bicycling events.



Mt Chocorua, a popular hiking destination

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$748,133	\$4,699,500
Special Uses	\$108,932	\$365,496
Interagency Passes	\$87,928	\$616,296
Total	\$944,993	\$5,681,293
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$494,511	\$3,450,421
Visitor Services	\$273,321	\$1,488,258
Law Enforcement	\$30,000	\$304,718
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$67,329
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$13,258
Collections/Overhead	\$33,000	\$835,990
Total	\$830,832	\$6,159,974

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