

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Tonto National Forest



## Improving Visitor Services

District recreation staff at the Tonto Basin Ranger District have been busy improving visitor services within their sites this year. They installed new water bottle filling stations at the visitor center, and repainted parking stripes at the visitor center, Cholla Campground, Inspiration Point Vista and Theodore Roosevelt Vista. New interpretive signs were also installed at sites on Apache Lake, Blevins Cemetery, and Windy Hill Campground. Several toilet buildings were renovated.



*Burnt Corral Day Use site on Apache Lake*

## 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 and
- Interpretive programs.

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

## Reserve a Campsite Online



Soon visitors will be able to make online campsite reservations at Roosevelt and Apache Lakes on the Tonto Basin Ranger District! Out of more than 800 campsites, 243 will be reservable through the National Reservation Service ([www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)).

This was no small undertaking since the District has some of the largest campgrounds in the National Forest System. Youth Corps crews from Arizona Conservation Legacy assisted with data gathering, that took three weeks.

## Forest Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,972,783
Special Uses	\$68,322
Interagency Passes	\$251,561
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,292,666</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,844,251
Visitor Services	\$111,652
Law Enforcement	\$130,321
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$141,382
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,227,605</b>

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

## Additional Accomplishments

- Partnered with East Valley Back Country Horsemen to maintain the Water User's Recreation Site and keep it open year-round.
- Replaced concrete pads, tables, and grills at Butcher Jones Recreation Site.
- Repaired all bathroom doors at Saguaro Lake and Lower Salt River recreation sites and pavement at the Laguna boat ramp.
- Partnered with Arizona Game and Fish on fishing facility repairs, replacements and renovations; and Conservation Legacy lent a hand to complete basic facilities maintenance at recreation sites before summer season.



Conservation Legacy Corps members collecting data at Cholla Campground for [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov).



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## Southwestern Region Map



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## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$4,470,973
Special Uses	\$995,088
Interagency Passes	\$522,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,988,661</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$3,246,899
Visitor Services	\$1,442,774
Law Enforcement	\$310,434
Habitat Restoration	\$170,629
Fee Agreements	\$5,376
Cost of Collections	\$682,796
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,858,908</b>

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