

# Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014

## Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests



### Wambaw Cycle Trailhead Improvements

In 2014, \$2,500 in recreation fees were leveraged with \$7,500 in Recreational Trails Program grant funds and over 80 hours of in-kind labor and leadership from the Coastal Off-Road Riders Association to accomplish two projects at the popular Wambaw Cycle Trail. Construction of a loading/unloading ramp for all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles was the first project. The second project involved repairing and reshaping the half-mile beginner's

loop trail immediately adjacent to the trailhead. Riders are very pleased with both improvements that make the trail system, just a few miles north of historic Charleston, South Carolina even more family-friendly.



*Pouring concrete for the new loading/unloading ramp.*

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

### Buncombe Horse Trail



The Buncombe Horse Trail is a 30-mile trail enjoyed by horseback riders, hikers, and mountain bikers. To help achieve the forest's commitment to providing high quality, sustainable trails, significant improvements were made to the trail system in 2014. The Enoree District leveraged \$6,000 in recreation fees with a \$4,000 grant from the American Quarter Horse Association, \$14,000 in Legacy funds, and labor provided by the Student Conservation Association, National Civilian Community Corps, Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), and other volunteers to relocate more than seven miles of trail onto a sustainable side hill alignment that is much more enjoyable for trail visitors.

### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$197,140
Special Uses	\$77,028
Interagency Passes	\$8,272
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$282,440</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$218,212
Visitor Services	\$21,400
Law Enforcement	\$14,905
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$264,517</b>

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

## Additional Accomplishments

### Developed Recreation

- Repaired ten horse corrals and built three additional ones at the Woods Ferry Horse Camp leveraged with summer YCC crews, volunteers, and a grant funding.
- Built 13 rock fire rings at Sedalia Campground, leveraged with an NCCC crew, Palmetto Foundation partners and YCC summer crew labor.

### Trails

- Leveraged over \$20,000 in fee funds with over \$100,000 in recreational trails grant funds and volunteer in-kind contributions to accomplish maintenance and reconstruction work on all four motorized trails: Wambaw Cycle, Enoree, Parsons Mountain, and Cedar Springs OHV Trails, nearly 100 miles of trail.

### Special Recreation Permits

- Hosted a basic swift water rescue course for Chattooga Wild and Scenic River partners.
- Funded trail maintenance of the Thrifts Ferry Chattooga River access trail, including re-installing water bars and replacing gravel surface, with approximately 60 volunteers.



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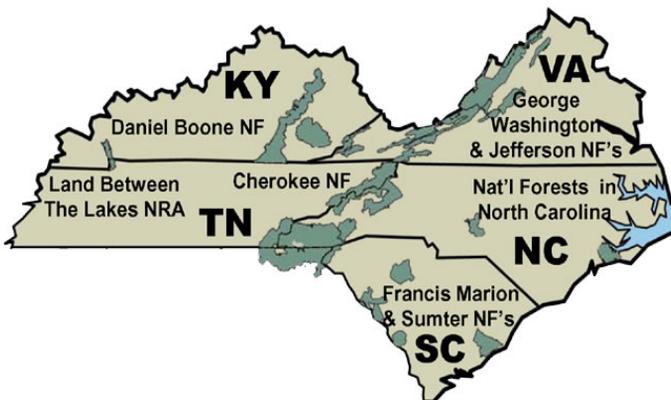
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## Southern Region Maps



## Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,373,184
Special Uses	\$1,209,474
Interagency Passes	\$118,320
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,700,978</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,989,435
Visitor Services	\$1,355,389
Law Enforcement	\$213,554
Habitat Restoration	\$4,580
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$872,295
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,435,253</b>

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