

FDAS Accomplishments



The Region 5 Recreation Fee Board

- Serves at the direction of the Regional Forester
- 8 Board positions (1 vacancy)
- Provides vision, leadership, coordination & monitoring of the regional REA program
- Reviews fee proposals to ensure compliance with law, national & regional guidelines
- Determines the allocation of the Agency Specific (FDAS) 5% fund

FY 2010 FDAS Budget

- REA Program Management - \$227,000
 - REA program management
 - R-RAC support
 - REA Fee Board travel
 - Fee envelopes, Interagency Pass supplies, postage
- Regional Program Investments - \$443,740
 - FDAS grant program
 - Recreation rental market analysis
 - Web support, forest assistance, signing, NRRS coordination, loans

FDAS Grant Program

FY 2010 Objectives

- Leverage REA funds through external partner contributions
- Promote partnerships, visible benefits, and enhanced visitor services
- Promote environmental & conservation education, and sustainable land & resource stewardship
- Increase volunteer capacity & emphasize youth programs

Grant Categories

- Ecological Restoration & Resilience
 - Retain & reestablish ecological resilience
 - Protect, maintain, & restore wildlife, fish, rare plant habitat
- Showcase
 - Innovative creative solutions to recreation mgmt challenges
 - Retire deferred maintenance
 - Incorporate energy efficiencies & promote sustainable operations
- Student Interns
 - Provide meaningful work experience & training
 - Introduce students to career opportunities with the FS

FY 2010 Grants Awards

Forest	Project	Amount
Inyo	Gem Meadow (John Muir Wilderness) meadow restoration	\$18,260
Los Padres	Mare Springs & Burnout OHV trail restoration & erosion control	\$20,000
Stanislaus	Deer Lake (Emigrant Wilderness) restore lakeshore habitat	\$4,330
San Bernardino	Ironwood CG & meadow restoration	\$20,000
Inyo	Recreation video presentations (Reds Meadow, Rainbow Fire, Boating Safety, Invasive Plans, and Bristlecone Pine)	\$9,000
Eldorado	Wilderness Reservation Permit System Transition - NRRS	\$9,300
Eldorado	Evergreen Trail (Mokelumne Wilderness) restoration & erosion control	\$7,000
San Bernardino	Bear poof trash receptacles purchase and installation	\$5,000
LTBMU	Campsite restoration & eradication (Desolation Wilderness)	\$20,000
Klamath & Stanislaus	O&G needs assessment	\$30,000
	71 Student interns - wilderness rangers, trail maint O&G permit admin, interpretation, visitor info, volunteer coord, etc. on 11 National Forests	\$177,500

Selected FDAS Grant Projects

- Laurel Gulch Footbridge Replacement
- Interagency Visitor Center Patio Improvements
- Eel River Campground Vegetation Management
- Klamath River Invasive Plant Removal
- Campsite Restoration
- Cactus Flat OHV Staging Area Restoration
- 2009 Student Interns

Laurel Gulch Footbridge Replacement – Angeles NF

After – New bridge will accommodate both equestrian & foot travel



Before – East Fork Trail & bridge over Laurel Gulch



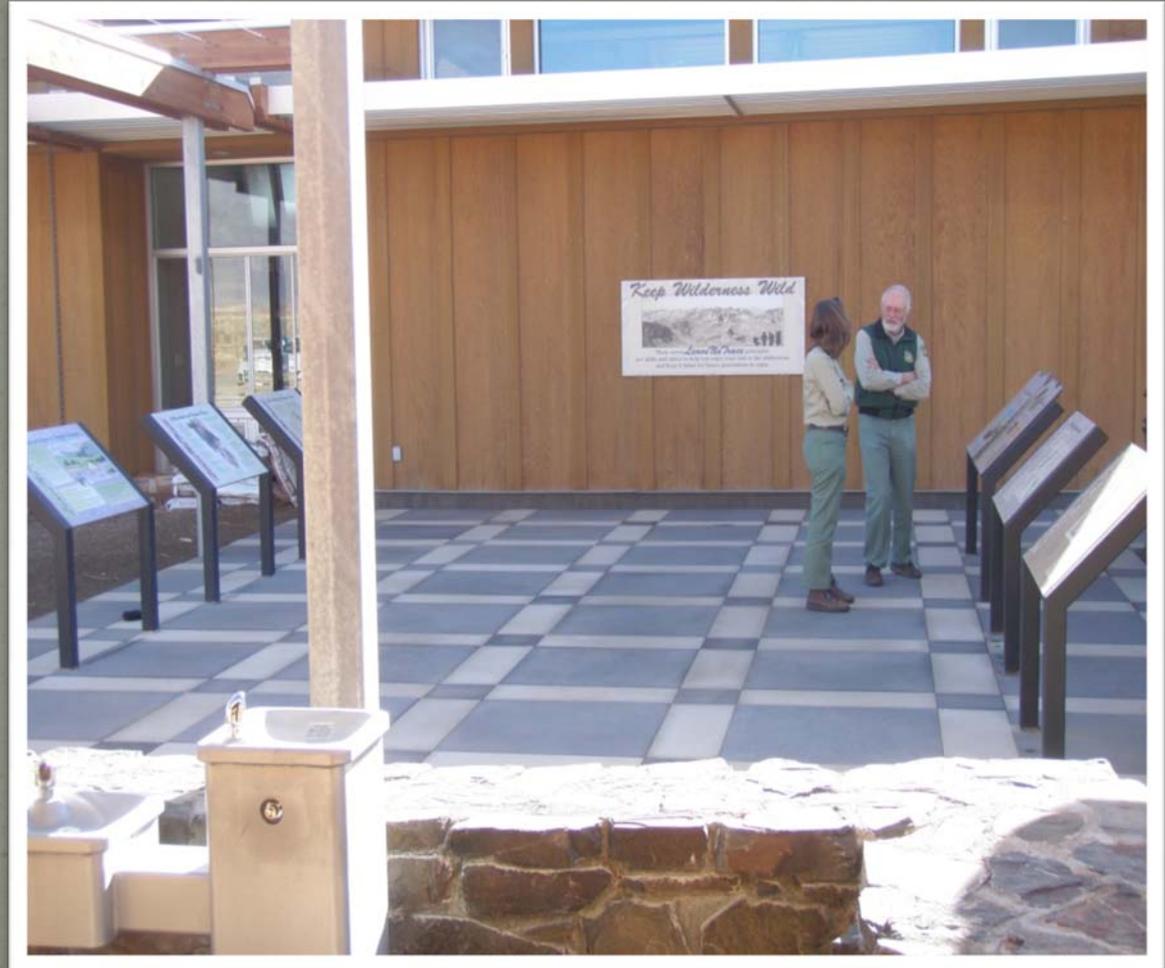
Partners included:

- San Gabriel Mountain Trail builders
- Boy Scouts
- San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corp
- High Country Riders



Interagency Visitor Center Patio Improvements – Inyo NF

- \$8,500 in FDAS grant funds
- \$14,700 in partnership contributions
- Installed patio pavers & seating



Eel River Campground Vegetation Management – Mendocino NF



- \$1,700 in FDAS grant funds
- 40 goats – 20 days
- Natural vegetation removal
- Reduced poison oak, rattlesnake & tick habitat
- Natural fertilizer

Klamath River Invasive Plant Removal – Klamath NF



7,500 in FDAS grant funds

Happy Camp HS students form the “weed” crew

Other partners include:

CalTrans

Mid-Klamath

Watershed Council

Campsite Restoration

\$20,000 in FDAS grant funding to restore user-created campsites in the Desolation Wilderness



Restoration work coordinated by the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and completed by Generation Green youth crew



\$23,411 cash & in-kind match
from Tahoe Rim Trail
Association & Generation
Green program



Youth use “*Tread Lightly*” &
minimal tool restoration
techniques to achieve
natural look

Wilderness campsite restoration projects protect water quality, wilderness character & visitor experience



Cactus Flat Restoration

2009 FDAS grant totaling
\$19,440 to restore OHV staging
area on the San Bernardino NF



Volunteers have collected &
cleaned native seed and
propagated native plants for
revegetation of the Cactus Flat

Volunteers working in the Big Bear Native Plant Nursery



Unauthorized OHV trail that has been seeded & planted with natives



2009 *Student Interns*



- FDAS grant program funded 63 student interns on 12 National Forests
- Utilized a variety of student hiring programs
- \$2,500 per intern from FDAS grant
- Provided meaningful work experience & conservation education

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Student Interns ~

- Developed GIS database
- Collected campsite data in Desolation Wilderness
- Developed 3 “*Leave no Trace*” posters
- Presented wilderness education programs at 4 trailheads over 12 weeks
- Contacted over 2,000 wilderness visitors providing information & trip planning



Klamath NF Student Interns ~



- O&G permit compliance
- Visitor information
- “*Leave no Trace*” education

- River patrol
- Invasive plant removal
- River clean-up



San Bernardino NF Student Intern ~

- Provided visitor information at Mill Creek
- Issued wilderness permits
- Coordinated wilderness trail patrols



- Assisted with campfire talks at Greyback Amphitheater
- Worked on trail maintenance projects

Sierra NF Student Interns ~

- Trail maintenance
- Visitor information
- Removed over 500 lbs of trash
- Brushed over 70 miles of trail



FDAS Accomplishments

- REA program management
- California R-RAC support
- Creative solutions to recreation management challenges
- Leveraging REA funds
- Supporting partnerships
- Increased capacity
- Providing relevant & meaningful job experiences for youth & young adults
- Additional visitor benefits & services