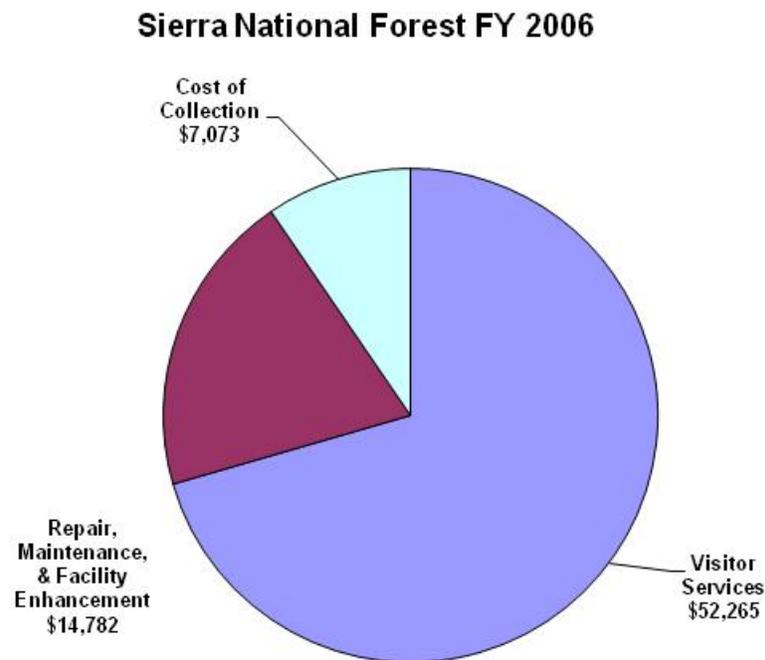




Sierra National Forest Recreation Fee Program Pacific Southwest Region 2006 Accomplishment Report



2006 Recreation Fee Program Expenditures



Your Fees at Work in 2006

Repair, Maintenance & Facility Enhancement

- Completed wilderness trail improvements; opened trails for public use; and removed hazards, debris, and trees from trails impacted from an unusually heavy winter
- Maintained six restrooms along the Kings River

Visitor Services

- Provided five day per week services for wilderness permit reservation, issuance, and wilderness education/information
- Contacted family and commercial rafters and provided land ethic information
- Completed Kings River patrols during the heavy rafting season

Fee Program Success Stories

Introduction of Public Contact along the Kings River

The Sierra National Forest took advantage of Fee Program funds to provide a River Patroller in the congressionally designated Kings River Special Management Area. The patroller provided assistance to families and visitors of commercial rafters when necessary. In addition the patroller educated the public in land ethics while recreating on a Wild and Scenic River.

The need to have a patroller was documented during public input for the Environmental Analysis for reissuing the River Outfitter Guides. The ability to have a patroller is from funds retained from the Outfitter Guide site rental fees. The Forest was very pleased to be able to provide a resource in direct response to public wishes.

For More Information

If you would like additional information about Pacific Southwest Region's Recreation Fee Program please contact Tamara Wilton, Recreation Fee Program Manager by phone at (530) 283-2605.

Cost of Collection

- Funded salaries for employees who conducted fee collections and compliance

Upcoming Fee Projects

- Continue implementation of increased visitor services
- Continue implementation of wilderness education including recruiting and filling a local wilderness education specialist position, which will provide wilderness education outreach to high schools
- Continue partnership with non-profit organization WildLink
- Continue implementation of increased monitoring program assessing wilderness resource conditions and trail improvement
- Operate and maintain recreation facilities in high use river rafting area utilized by outfitter guides
- Conduct trail maintenance for wilderness trails in areas used by outfitter guides
- Improved services at recreation events

Recreation Fee Revenue Sources

Permits & Passes

- Wilderness Permits & Reservations
- Golden Passports & Federal Interagency Passes
- Recreation Event and Outfitter & Guide Special Use Permits