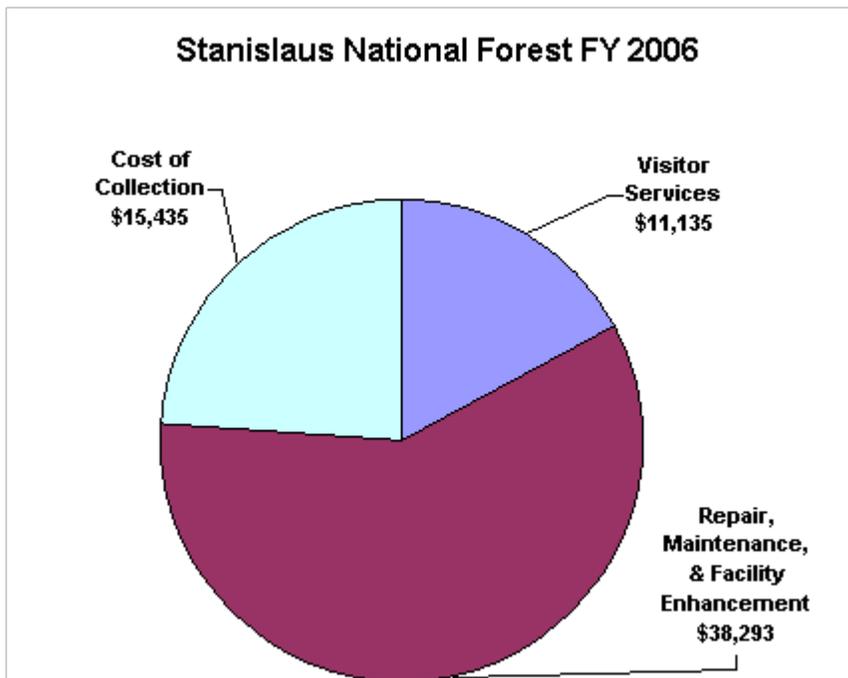




Stanislaus National Forest Recreation Fee Program Pacific Southwest Region 2006 Accomplishment Report



2006 Recreation Fee Program Expenditures



Your Fees at Work in 2006

Repair, Maintenance & Facility Enhancement

- Provided a higher level of service at campgrounds which allow health and safety standards to be met
- Made repairs to many facilities, such as tables and stoves
- Decommissioned an old vault toilet
- Installed vehicle barriers at several campgrounds
- Replaced important informational signs, providing information to both private and commercial rafters on the Tuolumne River at the Meral Pool launch area and on the Lumsden Road

Fee Program Success Stories

Connecting Kids to Nature



A young camper entwines her fingers with a rubber boa, one of 40 California snakes and reptiles species brought to Wakaluu Hepyoo Campground for its Creepers and Sneakers - a program that connects kids with nature

A bludgeoned mountain king snake was the impetus for the interpretive program called Creepers and Sneakers at Wakaluu Hepyoo Campground. The program carries the message that snakes and reptiles have important jobs to do like keeping populations of rodents in check. Campers got to see, hold, and compare snakes and learn there is only one poisonous snake in the Sierra - the rattlesnake. Thanks to their caretaker and junior high school teacher Mike Sutton, Creepers and Sneakers connects each child with a firsthand experience of nature in the thrill of holding a snake!

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.

Visitor Services

- Provided quality interpretive programs at Wakalu Hep Yoo Campground
- Provided a portable restroom during rafting season for use at the Anderson Mine Trailheads and Upper Tuolumne launch area
- Assisted in funding permit administration of seven outfitter guide permits for commercial rafting on the Tuolumne River

Cost of Collection

- Funded salaries for employees who conducted fee collections and compliance

Upcoming Fee Projects

- Continue the existing interpretive program at Wakalu Hep Yo Campground
- Facility maintenance, improvement, and replacement
- Signing and interpretive displays at several campgrounds
- Trail construction/reconstruction
- Install, maintain and repair vehicle barriers and gates
- Provide a higher level of service, education, and patrols and make improvements in the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River corridor
- Revise campground business plans to identify additional uses for the funds
- Develop a business plan for use of the Tuolumne River permit fees

Recreation Fee Revenue Sources

Permits & Passes

- Outfitter and Guiding Permits for rafting and kayaking on the Tuolumne River
- Golden Passports and Federal Interagency Passes

Sites/Areas

- Expanded amenity fees at thirteen developed campgrounds