



# Pacific Southwest Region Recreational Fee Program 2007 Accomplishment Report Regional 5% (FDAS) Funds



## Your Fees at Work in 2007

### **Visitor Services**

- Funded 40 student interns on 8 national forests to provide visitor information, conservation education, interpretation, resource protection, and recreation site operation and maintenance at developed recreation sites.
- Removed non-native invasive species from selected trailheads used by outfitters and guides in the Marble Mountains and Trinity Alps Wilderness Areas with the help of volunteers from the Backcountry Horsemen of America, California Conservation Corps, and Northwest Youth Corp.
- Completed trail restoration work on the Mono Pass and Mt. Whitney trails in the John Muir Trail utilizing a combination of volunteers and youth conservation corps.
- Completed campsite eradication and site restoration East and West Pinnacles, Hooper, and Apollo Basins in the John Muir Wilderness.
- Coordination of the Pacific Southwest Region's recreation fee program.
- Distribution of Golden Passport and Interagency Pass products to 18 National Forests.

### **Upcoming Fee Projects**

- Fund three resource and habitat restoration projects on three national forests.
- Fund seven showcase projects on five national forests.
- Fund three special projects dedicated to enhancing visitor services, providing opportunities for youths, and developing innovative program efficiencies.

### **Fee Program Success Story: Bench Valley Trail Repair**



Before – Trail ¼ mile below McGuire Lake showing damaged trail tread

Reconstructed two one-mile sections of the Bench Valley Trail in the John Muir Wilderness on the Sierra NF. Sections were very steep, with switchbacks and few 20-year old structures to keep soil and trail tread in place. Packers were used to transport equipment, tools, food, etc. for two crews for 18 miles to work site.



After – Trail repair and staircase

- Fund 40 student interns on 11 national forests to accomplish on-the-ground enhancement work in recreation fee sites and programs while providing skill development opportunities for future recreation managers.
- Support the public involvement and California Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (R-RAC) review process.
- Coordinate the Pacific Southwest Region's recreation fee program.

## Recreation Fee Revenue Sources

Five percent of recreation fees are collected directly into a regional agency specific (FDAS) account. The Pacific Southwest Region Recreation Fee Board (appointed by the Regional Forester) determines how these FDAS funds are used. A large portion of these funds are reinvested back out onto forests in the form of student internship and resource and habitat restoration grants. With these funds emphasis is placed on reducing maintenance backlog; enhancing visitor experiences and services; providing meaningful outdoor experiences for youths; increasing volunteer capacity; and strengthening partnerships. These funds are also used to support program management.

## For More Information...

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