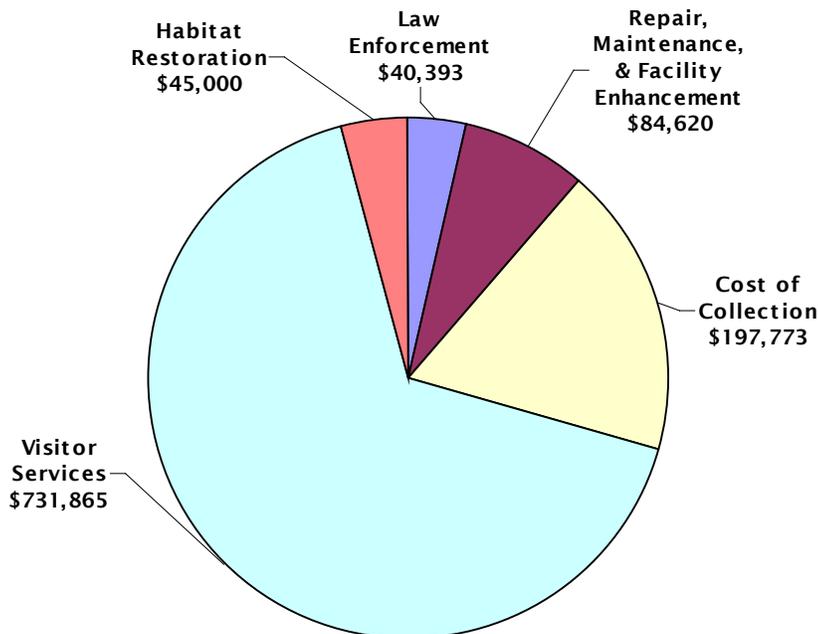




Inyo National Forest Pacific Southwest Region Recreational Fee Program 2008 Accomplishment Report



2008 Recreation Fee Program Expenditures



Your Fees at Work in 2008

Repair, Maintenance & Facility Enhancement

- Refinished restroom doors and replaced door locks with new ADA compatible handles and locks at South Tufa.
- Sanded & oiled picnic tables and repaired & patched boardwalk trails at South Tufa.
- Stained, painted and repaired kiosks at South Tufa, Black Point and Schulman Grove.
- Provided restroom cleaning, trash and horse manure removal at Horseshoe Meadows Campground.
- Increased facility maintenance and improved interpretive signing at the Cedar Flat Group Campgrounds.

Fee Program Success Story: Be Bear Aware Program



A Be Bear Aware intern with a prop used for interpretive programs at visitor centers and campgrounds

Over the years, the Inyo National Forest has seen an increase in bear activity around recreation sites. More and more bears have been able to access human food resulting in unhealthy habituated animals that have lost their natural fear of humans. The Inyo National Forest, along with major sponsorship from local partners, hired three student interns to educate visitors about proper storage of food and toiletries, proper disposal of garbage, and safe camping and recreation tips to improve safety in black bear habitat. The interns visited popular recreation sites conducting interpretive talks, handing out brochures, and interacting with visitors to share the “Be Bear Aware” message. The California Department of Fish and Game reports receiving over 50% fewer calls about bear incidences in the Eastern Sierra after the implementation of this program.

Visitor Services

- Provided environmental education programs to approximately 100 school groups, reaching over 1,200 students.
- Designed and fabricated new exhibits including a touch screen exhibit, five wall exhibits, and one exterior exhibit.
- Managed the wilderness reservation office; providing 56,885 overnight visitors with reservations, trip planning, permits, and stewardship messages.
- Implemented the mandatory “pack it out” program by providing more than 20,000 Mt. Whitney hikers with sanitation kits.
- Increased ranger patrols in campground for enhanced visitor security.

Habitat Restoration

- Performed invasive species plant control at South Tufa.
- Completed trail maintenance and habitat restoration along the Pacific Crest Trail corridor in Ansel Adams Wilderness.

Law Enforcement

- Provided law enforcement patrols to ensure visitor and resource protection.

Cost of Collection

- Funded salaries for employees who conducted fee collections and compliance

Recreation Fee Revenue Sources

Permits & Passes

- Federal Interagency Passes
- Outfitter & Guide and Recreation Event Permits

Sites/Areas

- Expanded Amenity Fees at two family & one group campgrounds
- Standard Amenity Fees at South Tufa and Schulman Grove

Services

- Wilderness Permit reservation service
- Reds Meadow transportation system

For More Information...

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