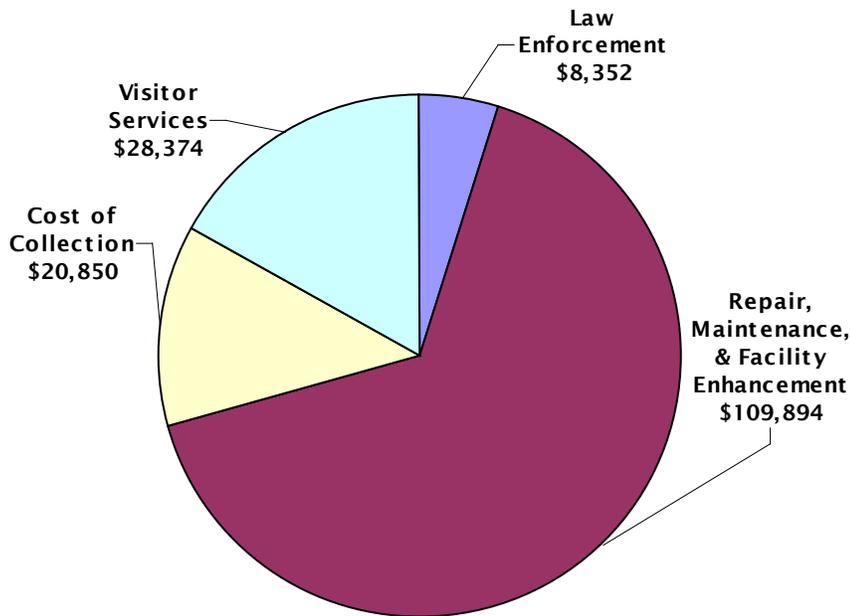




Los Padres National Forest Pacific Southwest Region Recreational Fee Program 2008 Accomplishment Report



2008 Recreation Fee Program Expenditures



The cost of collection for the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino NF centralized Adventure Pass sales are reported on the San Bernardino NF.

Your Fees at Work in 2008

Repair, Maintenance & Facility Enhancement

- Operated and maintained developed recreation sites and facilities.
- Repaired picnic tables and signs.
- Replaced fire rings at various recreation sites.
- Hosted river and shooting area clean-ups.

Visitor Services

- Provided visitor information services in office and field settings.
- Provided visitor protection and security through presence of patrolling field rangers year-round.
- Provided guided interpretive tours.

Wildflower Tours Popular with Forest Visitors



Visitors enjoying a guided wildflower tour at Figueroa Mountain

The Figueroa Mountain area of the Santa Lucia Ranger District is becoming well known for hosting a wildflower tour program every spring. The bilingual REA field ranger organized the mailing of newsletters every two weeks to over 200 wildflower enthusiasts and posted information on the forest website to announce these popular tours. This year a wildflower tour was held in April with over 20 visitors attending. A bird watching tour took place in May with 15 visitors present. Next year there are plans to outreach to local Hispanic communities with the help of Hispanic television stations.

- Provided temporary signs to notify public of wildlife dangers and specific closures.
- Purchased and installed “no motor vehicle signs” to prevent OHV resource damage following large-scale wildfires.

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.

Upcoming Fee Projects

- Emphasize recreation facility operation, maintenance, and repair.
- Purchase and use a trailer-mounted programmable highway sign to alert snow play and holiday visitors of pass needs and sales locations.
- Purchase and install new REA signs to inform visitors of program.
- Volunteer clean-up days will continue to be planned to meet resource protection needs and engage public in land stewardship.
- Santa Lucia Ranger District will offer more wildflower, bird watching, and native plant tours.

Recreation Fee Revenue Sources

Permits & Passes

- Adventure Passes & Federal Interagency Passes
- Outfitter & Guide and Recreation Event Permits
- Special Recreation Permit Fee for Nordhoff Ridge and Potrero Seco OHV Areas

Sites/Areas

- Standard amenity fees at seven High Impact Recreation Areas and twenty-four developed day use sites
- Expanded amenity fees at thirty-four campgrounds

For More Information

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