Fee Program Success Story: Providing Enhanced Recreation Facilities at Medicine Lake

Medicine Lake Caldera is home to four of the Forest’s most popular campgrounds, a boat launch and a swim beach. Visitors come to the lake to escape the heat, camp, and to try their luck landing the “big” fish. The Recreation Enhancement Act helps to fund the operation and maintenance of the developed recreation sites and without this funding the Forest would not be able to provide the level of service valued by visitors. These enhancements include water system maintenance, garbage removal, and restroom maintenance just to name a few. So come join in on the fun and escape the heat. Medicine Lake just might be the “medicine” you need.

Your Fees at Work in 2008

**Repair, Maintenance & Facility Enhancement**
- Water distribution line minor maintenance of the Blue Lake Campground.
- Cleaning and maintenance of restrooms in all the fee campgrounds across the Forest.
- Garbage collection and removal.

**Visitor Services**
- Patrolled campgrounds providing information to visitors and improved visitor safety.

**Habitat Restoration**
- Protected an eagle nest and osprey nest adjacent to Blue Lake Campground.
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.

Accomplishments Planned for FY 2009
• Cleaning and maintenance of restrooms in all the fee campgrounds across the Forest.
• Garbage collection and removal.
• Installation of entrance gate at the Blue Lake Campground.
• Installation of entrance gate at the Medicine Lake campgrounds, boat launch and day use area.
• Removal of outdated restrooms in Medicine Lake Campground, AH Hogue Campground and Hemlock Campground.
• Upgrade bulletin boards in Medicine Lake Campground, AH Hogue Campground and Hemlock Campground.

Recreation Fee Revenue Sources

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

Sites/Areas/Services
• Expanded Amenity Fees at eleven campgrounds across the Forest
• Spotting scope rental

For More Information...
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