



Pacific Southwest Region Recreational Fee Program 2008 Accomplishment Report Regional 5% (FDAS) Funds



Your Fees at Work in 2008

Visitor Services

- Funded 40 student interns on 12 national forests to provide visitor information, conservation education, interpretation, resource protection, and recreation site operation and maintenance at developed recreation sites.
- Designed and fabricated four interpretive panels devoted to increasing public awareness of the importance of mountain yellow-legged frogs and Yosemite toads to the Sierra Nevada ecosystem.
- Completed trail restoration work on the Golden Trout Lake and Piute Canyon Trails in the John Muir Wilderness. Forest Service employees coordinated these restoration projects utilizing volunteer crews and pack outfitters to complete work in critical riparian habitat.
- Replaced the East Fork Trail footbridge at Laurel Gulch.
- Purchased and installed four new CXT toilets on three national forests.
- 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 resource and habitat restoration and showcase projects on national forests.
- Fund special projects dedicated to enhancing visitor services, providing opportunities for youths, and developing innovative program efficiencies.

Fee Program Success Story: Wilderness Restoration



Before – Braided & incised trails in Cottonwood Lakes Basin

Closed, re-routed, and restored over 3,000 linear feet of incised and eroded trail through meadows and riparian areas in the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness Areas on the Inyo National Forest. Volunteers, student interns, and Forest Service employees filled incised trail sections, added local organic matter, and transplanted grass plugs to address braided, incised and eroding trails.



After – Trail repair & meadow restoration

- Fund student interns on 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...

If you would like additional information about Pacific Southwest Region's Recreation Fee Program please contact Tamara Wilton, Recreation Fee Program Manager by email at twilton@fs.fed.us or by phone at (530) 283-7778.

Fee Program Success Story: Passport in Time Program



Recording prehistoric site date

A student intern was hired to coordinate the Passport in Time (PIT) program on the Cleveland National Forest. PIT is a volunteer program that provides volunteers an opportunity to participate in archaeological and historical research and management on national forests. The goal of PIT is to preserve the nation's past with the help of the public. Volunteers learn about human history and how ecosystems have changed through time while contributing directly to public land management.



Intern assisting volunteer with artifact identification