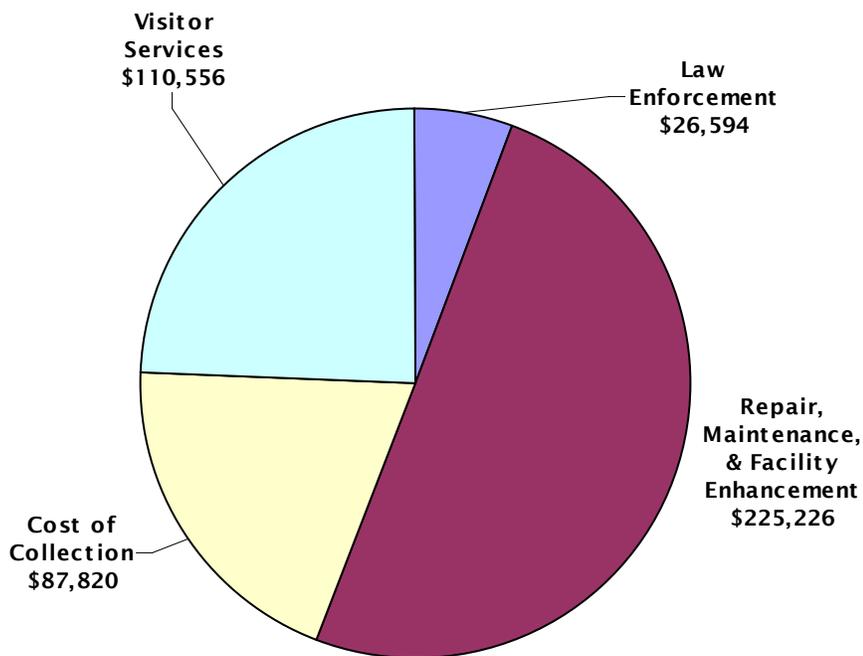




Sequoia National Forest Pacific Southwest Region Recreational Fee Program 2008 Accomplishment Report



2008 Recreation Fee Program Expenditures



Your Fees at Work in 2008

Repair, Maintenance & Facility Enhancement

- Provided for emergency repairs and maintenance on RV dump stations and restrooms following vandalism incidents.
- Provided additional trash dumpsters & portable toilets at Lake Isabella and Kern River sites during the high-use season.
- Graded all access roads within Lake Isabella recreation area and repaired asphalt at Auxiliary.
- Repaired four restrooms at Kennedy Meadows & two restrooms at Fish Creek Campgrounds.
- Replaced mattresses, added cookware, painted restroom building and table, and graded the road leading to the tower at Oak Flat Lookout.

Fee Program Success Story: Camp 9 Improvements



Purchased 33 new fire rings for the Camp 9 Campground

The Kern River Ranger District was able to purchase 33 new fire rings for Camp 9 Campground using recreation fee revenues. These fire rings will replace the existing primitive rock fire rings. They will be installed during the winter and be ready for visitor use for the 2009 recreation season.

Along with installing the new fire rings district employees will be improving three of the large group sites. This will include redesigning the layout to accommodate tent camping along with RV parking in a "Circle the Wagons" style that is popular with today's visitors, planting trees, relocating water hydrants, and installing an additional shade structure.

Visitor Services

- Provided personnel to work alongside National Park Service personnel at the Big Stump Entrance Station and Kings Canyon visitor Center providing visitor information in partnership with the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park.
- Provided personnel to patrol recreation sites & make visitor contacts at the four Kern Plateau campgrounds, Camp 9, and Lake Isabella Recreation Area.
- Provided two River Rangers to make visitor contacts and work with volunteers and partners to improve the Kern River corridor.
- Provided propane and electricity for recreation rentals and campground host sites.

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.
- Purchase the CASH program to streamline fee collection, cash handling, compliance, and accounting.
- Developed and implemented the new Southern Sierra Pass to replace the self-service fee payment system at Lake Isabella.

Upcoming Fee Projects

- Complete the interpretive signing on Kings Canyon Scenic Byway and Indian Basin Interpretive Trail.
- Paint four restrooms and gravel area around the exterior at Kennedy Meadows.
- Repair water distribution system at Big Meadow Rental Cabin.

Recreation Fee Revenue Sources

Permits & Passes

- Federal Interagency Passes
- Kern River Outfitter and Guide Permits
- Kern River Whitewater Rafting Private Boating Permit Reservations

Sites/Areas

- Standard amenity fees at the Lake Isabella Recreation Area (Auxiliary Dam, Old Isabella Road and South Fork Recreation Areas)
- National Park Service (NPS) agreement sharing a portion of the entrance fees collected at the Big Stump Entrance Station
- Expanded amenity fees at three recreation cabin and lookout rental facilities
- Expanded amenity fees at six campgrounds and two RV dump stations

For More Information...

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