



Recreation Program Fee Accomplishment Report 2009

Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use and value.

Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees on the Cleveland National Forest:

- Purchased and installed heavy duty recycling bins at Desert View Picnic Area and the Laguna Visitor Center.
- Refurbished five dilapidated pit toilet buildings at Horse Heaven and El Prado Group camps.
- Opened and staffed the Maple Springs Visitor Center and refurbished and staffed the El Cariso Visitor Center.
- Installed Holy Jim Trail interpretive sign posts.
- Repaired/replaced picnic tables at Blue Jay, El Cariso, and Falcon campgrounds.
- Repaired/refurbished trailhead kiosks at Bear Canyon, Maple Springs, and Morgan trailheads.
- Funded front desk staffing at the Descanso Ranger Station to provide recreation fee area information.
- Installed new information boards at Observatory, Dripping Springs and Oak Grove campgrounds.
- Developed and installed state-of-the art interpretive panels with maps, natural resource information, and forest regulations.
- Conducted restoration training focusing on invasive plant species removal and site restoration.
- Conducted programs and interpretive events including Santa Ana Mountains Natural History Association, Docent Day, Family Fun Day at Blue Jay, and owl banding.
- Continued the partnership with the Laguna Mountain Volunteer Association (LMVA), which provides the only staffing for the visitor center located in the popular Laguna Mountain Recreation Fee Area. This year LMVA helped refinish 15 picnic tables at the Desert View Picnic Area. They also assisted in implementation of a recycling program at Desert View picnic ground and the visitor center by contributing to the purchase of recycling bins, and collecting material to be recycled.
- Maintained additional partnerships with Tailgate Maintenance Volunteers, Back to Natives restoration volunteers, California Wildland Fire Fighter Memorial, Trails 4 All, and Raney Intermediate School.

Special Feature

The Laguna Mountains Recreation Area has the greatest concentration of known archaeological sites on the Forest. To help preserve these very special sites, Passport in Time (PIT) volunteers and Forest Service archaeologists surveyed the area for the past five years. This ongoing effort, which includes mapping sites and documenting current conditions, protects fragile resources and provides valuable experience to archaeology students and others interested in preserving cultural resources.



Cleveland National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$8,160
Recreation Fees	\$510,610
Special Uses	\$5,870
Total	\$524,640

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$308,382
Visitor Services	\$115,233
Law Enforcement	\$19,039
Cost of Collections	\$33,318
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Total	\$475,972

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

Cleveland National Forest Planned Projects for 2010

- Develop and install large recreation trails maps at trailheads in Laguna Mountain Recreation Area.
- Fund additional personnel for field-based visitor services and front desk staffing.
- Fund additional recreation technicians as well as materials and supplies for operation and maintenance of recreational facilities.
- Support partnerships with various volunteer groups to improve and enhance recreational experiences for our visitors.
- Replace campground restroom roofs.
- Fund interns for recreation operation and maintenance activities and the Passport in Time (PIT) program.

2009 Accomplishment Photos



Campground upgrades included picnic table repairs and grill replacement.



Students learn techniques to remove graffiti.

More Information

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Pacific Southwest Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$221,174
Recreation Fees	\$6,361,095
Special Uses	\$782,013
Total	\$7,364,282

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,560,498
Visitor Services	\$1,821,211
Law Enforcement	\$372,126
Cost of Collections	\$1,097,280
Habitat Restoration	\$283,496
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$7,145,558

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects
and next year's startup season costs.