



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 Eldorado National Forest:

- Installed solar panels on the electric car that is used as a maintenance vehicle at Wrights Lake Campground.
- Improved Dru Barner Campground by grading the group kitchen area and six camp units; replacing concrete water tanks with plastic tanks; installing a new toilet building and accessible path; installing three bear resistant garbage receptacles and two accessible picnic tables; and improving the campground roads.
- Replaced picnic tables at Loon Lake Chalet, Van Vleck Bunkhouse, and Robbs Hut. Installed a new pre-cast concrete toilet building at the Van Vleck Bunkhouse and a new propane refrigerator, donated by the Van Vleck family.
- Wilderness:
 - Funded additional staff at the Pacific Ranger Station to provide wilderness information, handle reservations, and issue permits.
 - Funded numerous outreach and educational programs to local community groups, fairs, schools, and businesses on wilderness ethics and outdoor education.
 - Funded one wilderness ranger and provided wilderness ranger patrols in the heavily used Carson Pass Area.
 - Celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Desolation Wilderness at Wrights Lake. The event included trail hike and evening campfire Desolation Wilderness history presentations.
 - Expanded the Desolation Wilderness Volunteer and Education Program where 34 volunteers contributed 2,309 hours to provide visitor education, campsite assessment and encounter monitoring, and trail maintenance.
- Partnered with Mokelumne Wilderness Volunteers group who contributed 668 hours in clearing trails and providing visitor education.
- Worked with the Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association who contributed 2,250 hours in staffing the Carson Pass Visitors Center.

Special Feature

When the turnpike on the Rockbound Trail in the Desolation Wilderness failed in 2009, people began creating new crossings; thereby widening and braiding trail sections and accelerating erosion. In 2010, the Desolation Wilderness trail crew, with the help Wilderness Volunteers, the Student Conservation Association trail crew, and the Desolation Wilderness Volunteers, reconstructed 100 feet of the turnpike, which elevated the trail above water levels, re-established drainage channels and minimized user impacts.



Eldorado National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue

Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$5,710
Recreation Fees	\$278,257
Special Uses	\$6,976
Total	\$290,943

Expenditures*

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$170,075
Visitor Services	\$91,987
Law Enforcement	\$29,013
Cost of Collections	\$34,186
Habitat Restoration	\$4,000
Total	\$329,261

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenues.

Eldorado National Forest Planned Projects for 2010

- Construct additional fencing to protect sensitive riparian areas and install a water trough at the Wrights Lake Equestrian Campground.
- Replace stairs and create a parking area and ramp to improve accessibility at Van Vleck Bunkhouse.
- Develop an interpretive sign on the history of long distance horseback riding for Dru Barner Campground.
- Install additional bear resistant food containers and a garbage receptacle at Big Meadows Campground.
- Continue funding trail and trailhead maintenance through seasonal and volunteer workers in the Desolation and Mokelumne Wilderness areas.
- Continue to expand the highly successful Desolation Wilderness Volunteer and Education Programs.
- Fabricate and install Desolation Wilderness trailhead signs.
- Provide support for volunteer staffing at Carson Pass Information Center.

2009 Accomplishment Photos



Generation Green students assisting with campsite restoration at Lake of the Woods.



Cleaning out water faucet sump at Lovers Leap Campground



Partners assembling picnic tables

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.