



## 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 Inyo National Forest:

- Replaced 40 parking barriers and repaired a kiosk, collection booth, restrooms and ¼ mile of accessible trail in Mono Basin and South Tufa.
- Installed new fire rings and signing, delineated sites, and stained picnic tables at Lee Vining Campgrounds.
- Facilitated the removal of fallen hazardous trees from the Horseshow Meadows complex through a personal use firewood collection program.
- Supported the maintenance of key trailheads and trails in Wilderness areas: funded three Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns to assist with trail maintenance and habitat restoration along the Pacific Crest Trail corridor in Ansel Adams Wilderness, one student intern to assist with trail maintenance and habitat restoration projects in John Muir Wilderness and one volunteer who provided wilderness ethics information at Bishop Creek and maintained all trails in that watershed.
- Enlisted and coordinated volunteers in helping to perform trail maintenance within the Red's Meadow area.



Crews clean up dispersed camp sites.

### Special Feature

Alpine lakes are beautiful and provide unique habitat for animal and plant species. In 2009, REA funds helped enable several projects in the John Muir Wilderness. With a focus on restoring riparian areas impacted by past recreation activities, the Friends of the Inyo staff managed week-long volunteer trips, organized backcountry camps, and even cooked most meals! Their efforts resulted in the protection of sensitive amphibian species habitat around ten alpine lakes.



### Inyo National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

#### Revenue\*

Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$74,690
Recreation Fees	\$857,579
Special Uses	\$105,910
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,038,179</b>

#### Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$165,543
Visitor Services	\$464,917
Law Enforcement	\$37,627
Cost of Collections	\$125,837
Habitat Restoration	\$82,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$876,536</b>

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

## Inyo National Forest Planned Projects for 2010

- Improve facilities and interpretive information at Navy Beach in cooperation with California Boating and Waterways.
- Continue to maintain facilities at South Tufa and Mono Basin Visitor Center.
- Continue to repair restrooms and replace information boards at Horseshoe Meadows Complex campgrounds.
- Continue visitor services conducted by the Wilderness Reservation Office, visitor centers, and wilderness rangers.
- Contribute to Central Sierra Wilderness Education Project.
- Conduct "Leave-No-Trace" programs at the Mt. Whitney Portal Trailhead and Day use area.
- Organize and lead volunteer stewardship projects in John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness areas.
- Continue to partner with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority and support Red's Meadow/Devils Postpile Shuttle Service operations.
- Hire additional roving rangers to provide interpretive tours and visitor safety at Red's Meadow.
- Improve facilities at Lower Lee Vining Campground.
- Expand recycling facilities and install large, group-sized BBQ grates at Cedar Flat Group Campground group sites.
- At Schulman Grove:
  - Continue to provide daily staffing and tours out of the temporary visitor contact center.
  - Hire a geology intern to provide training to staff and interpretation for visitors.
  - Revise the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest documentary film.
  - Construct supplemental exhibits on trails.



Visitors to Mono Lake gather for an interpretive presentation.

## 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,364,282</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,145,558</b>

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