



San Bernardino National Forest

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 San Bernardino National Forest:

- Replaced parking stops, rebuilt the picnic site retaining wall, cleaned fishing access points, and thinned out dense vegetation.
- Removed and/or painted over graffiti in hundreds of locations including buildings, signs, and natural features.
- Provided leadership and coordination for maintenance work
- Replaced old steel trash cans with eight bear proof trash cans along Lytle Creek and removed visitor created dams in the creek.
- Removed 249 dump sites resulting in 470 truckloads of trash, and 10,550 bags of trash from developed sites, trailheads, Off-Highway Vehicle staging areas and creek areas on the Front Country Ranger District.
- Rehabilitated and maintained of water systems.
- Repaired and maintained 92 picnic tables.
- Repaired and upgraded information boards.
- Hosted four Boy Scout merit badge programs and provided training in Leave No Trace principles.
- Extinguished over 100 illegal campfires and made over 55,000 public contacts.
- Funded staff at the Lytle Creek Ranger Station front desk who provided daily visitor information and services year-round.
- With the assistance of the California Conservation Crew (CCC), completed maintenance on 25 miles of Wilderness and non-Wilderness trails.
- Supported the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) who maintained 20 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

Lake Hemit's new picnic shelter



Special Feature

Volunteers are at the very heart of the Forest Service and its mission. In celebration of the tremendously successful year, the forest sponsored a Volunteer Appreciation Day in November 2009. Across the forest, 5,603 volunteers put in 173,225 hours assisting with recreation, restoration, heritage, wildlife and trail maintenance projects, visitor services, and conservation education. Remarkably, 22 volunteers (some pictured below) received the Chief's Award for over 1,000 hours of service!



San Bernardino National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$48,159
Recreation Fees	\$1,067,786
Special Uses	\$98
Total	\$1,116,043

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$248,345
Visitor Services	\$179,224
Law Enforcement	\$64,385
Cost of Collections**	\$367,918
Habitat Restoration	\$64,386
Total	\$924,258

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

**The cost of collection for the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino NF centralized Adventure Pass sales are reported on the San Bernardino NF.

Additional Accomplishments on the San Bernardino National Forest:

- FSVA Equestrians volunteered 3,392 hours and patrolled trails and provided packing support for CCC trail crew and the San Diego Natural History Museum projects.
- Supported the Urban Youth Conservation Corps, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, and the Lytle Creek Forest Volunteer Association who assisted recreation and resource staffs with numerous projects.
- Strengthened the partnership with Rim of the World Interpretive Association (ROWIA) who operated and maintained Heaps Peak Arboretum. This popular site showcases native plants, shrubs and trees and has a ¾ mile interpretative trail.

Planned Projects for 2010

- Continue to provide stipends, supplies and support to volunteers who provide a wide array of visitor services and complete an incredible amount work.
- Rehabilitate restrooms, and install signs, bear proof trash cans, picnic tables, and steel fire rings and new site posts with numbers for yellow post campsites.
- Fund personnel to provide visitor information and front desk staffing.
- Support partnerships with various groups to improve and enhance recreational experiences for visitors.

An interpreter gives some tips and advice to visitors.



Taking care of other people's garbage is an unfortunate task on the forest.

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.