



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 Sierra National Forest:

- Cleaned and maintained toilets on both sides of Kings River.
- Supported a student work crew who painted all picnic tables, toilet building interiors, removed ash from fire rings, and cleared vegetation from signs at sites in the Kings River area.
- Patrolled Wilderness areas on High Sierra Ranger District between July 1 and September 30: inventoried 20 campsites, naturalized 5 campsites, maintained 52 drainage structures, and provided stock support to the Student Conservation Association (SCA) crew and employees.
- Funded employees who patrolled Kings River, monitored outfitter and guide rafting activities, completed boat counts, and provided law enforcement.
- Provided Wilderness visitors with education and enforcement presence and updated trailhead information boards.
- Staffed eight offices and provided visitor services and information: answered questions about recreational opportunities and issued Wilderness permits. Over 3,100 permits were issued.
- Funded Wilderness Education Specialist who updated regional trip planning and bear safety and education websites.



Graffiti removal



Special Feature

The Kings River not only offers fantastic family rafting opportunities but also fun camping and beautiful scenery. In 2009, the forest partnered with the Central California Consortium (CCC) and the Fresno County Resource Advisory Board to support a student crew who improved recreation facilities along the Kings River and in other parts of Fresno County. Not only did the crew repair 33 picnic tables and paint 5 restroom interiors and 39 picnic tables, at the end of the season they shared their achievements and insights with others.



Sierra National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue

Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$20,480
Recreation Fees	\$37,582
Special Uses	\$74,636
Total	\$132,698

Expenditures*

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$35,081
Visitor Services	\$96,949
Law Enforcement	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$3,554
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Total	\$135,584

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenues.

Sierra National Forest Planned Projects for 2010

- Increase Wilderness education opportunities: outreach to local high schools and support the partnership with WildLink Community Coordinator.
- Increase monitoring of wilderness resource conditions and improve trails.
- Fund seasonal employees to meet and greet visitors in Wilderness areas and protect Wilderness resources and values.
- Continue improve visitor services at the seven visitor contact stations.
- Clean restrooms, complete compliance checks and monitor commercial use in high use river rafting area utilized by outfitters and guides.



Student crew members
repairing campsite features

Jagged peaks of John
Muir Wilderness



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.