



Recreation Program Fee Accomplishment Report 2010

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:

- Funded a river ranger who patrolled Kings River five days per week, and completed the following duties: contacted and educated visitors along the river and at campsites, cleaned restroom facilities on both sides of the river, checked developed and dispersed campsites, replaced and painted informational signs, monitored boat traffic, and provided a law enforcement presence.
- Painted tables and restrooms and applied weed abatement at developed campgrounds.
- Funded Wilderness rangers who patrolled the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, and Kaiser Wilderness areas, made visitor contacts, and presented campfire education information.
- Funded volunteers and employees who inventoried campsites, rehabilitated poorly placed campsites and fire rings, installed signs, conducted trail maintenance, and removed garbage.



Above, a worker shows the depth of a poorly placed campfire pit. After restoration, no sign is of the pit is left.



Special Feature

Originating high in the southern Sierra, the mighty Kings River is perfect for both beginning and intermediate rafters. Located only an hour and a half east of Fresno, it is famous for its exhilarating roller coaster-like rapids that stretch for 10 miles. Recreation fees help support a uniformed presence along the river and improved visitor service.



Sierra National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Interagency Fees	\$24,120
Recreation Fees	\$34,696
Special Uses	\$72,373
Total	\$131,189

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$17,584
Visitor Services	\$78,311
Law Enforcement	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$5,850
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Total	\$101,745

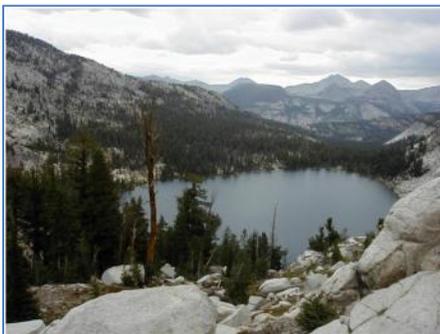
*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

Sierra National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Worked with outfitters and guides: presented information on land ethics, discussed appropriate locations for operations, and ensured special use permit compliance.
- Cleared trails by removing hazards, debris, trees, and rocks after an unusually heavy winter.
- Funded visitor information specialists who contacted over 10,000 people:
 - Accepted reservations and issued permits for Wilderness.
 - Answered questions about Wilderness, river rafting, camping locations, and other recreation information and activities.
 - Sold and answered questions about Interagency Passes.
- Supported customer service employees at Bass Lake District Ranger Station (North Fork), High Sierra District Ranger Station (Prather), Clover Meadow Visitor Contact Station Eastwood Visitor Contact Station, Mariposa Visitor Bureau, and Oakhurst Visitor Bureau.



Cleared Wilderness trails wide enough for pack animals to pass.



Olive Lake

More Information

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Pacific Southwest Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue

Source	Amount
Interagency Fees	\$265,304
Recreation Fees	\$6,103,159
Special Uses	\$810,333
Total	\$7,178,797

Expenditures*

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,663,433
Visitor Services	\$2,224,898
Law Enforcement	\$446,583
Cost of Collections	\$786,686
Habitat Restoration	\$225,885
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$7,347,486

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue.