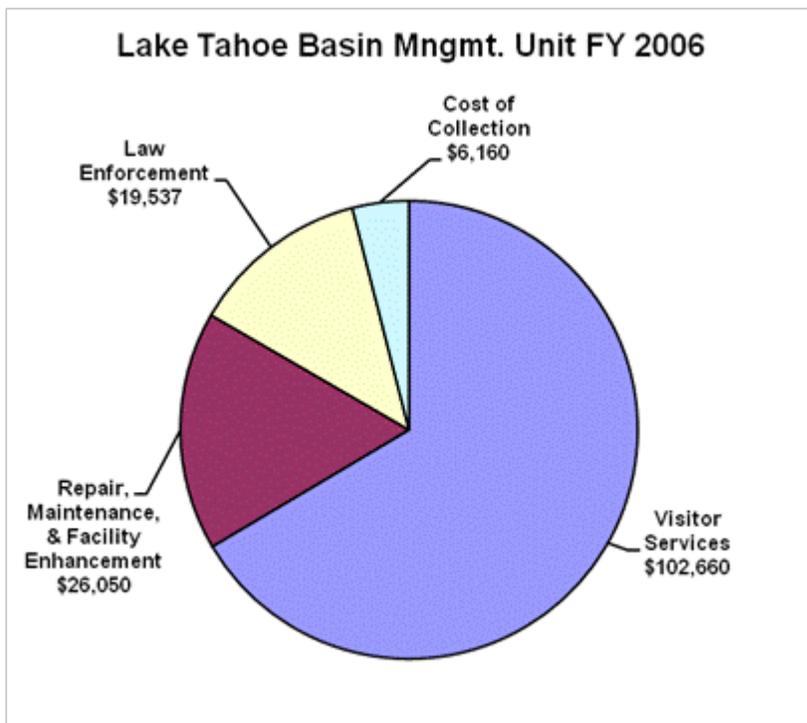




Lake Tahoe Basin MU Recreation Fee Program Pacific Southwest Region 2006 Accomplishment Report



2006 Recreation Fee Program Expenditures



Your Fees at Work in 2006

Repair, Maintenance & Facility Enhancement

- Completed trail maintenance in the Desolation Wilderness
- Serviced and maintained the Eagle Falls Trailhead, including cleaning and pumping of toilets and trash collection

Visitor Services

- Hired three wilderness naturalists to staff the wilderness information and education center on a daily basis and provide information at popular wilderness trailheads

Fee Program Success Stories

Desolation Wilderness Volunteer and Education Program



Volunteers assisting with wilderness education

The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and the Eldorado National Forest continued to leverage recreation fee dollars through the Desolation Wilderness Volunteer and Education Program. Recreation fees were used to fund a Wilderness Volunteer Coordinator position that focused on implementing the Desolation Wilderness Education Program. In 2006, twenty-three volunteers contributed over 1,400 hours, including training, patrolling the wilderness, providing information to visitors through staffing the wilderness trailheads and permit offices, and conducting campsite inventories. The volunteers made 1,500 visitor contacts.

For More Information

If you would like additional information about Pacific Southwest Region's Recreation Fee Program please contact Tamara Wilton, Recreation Fee Program Manager by phone at (530) 283-2605.

- Provided wilderness education booths and presentations for schools, fairs and businesses
- Implemented "Visitor Appreciation Days" to promote public involvement and wilderness stewardship
- Implemented "Wilderness Stewardship Challenge" a program where wilderness rangers gave Desolation Wilderness Pins with an attached wilderness education message to visitors "caught" practicing good wilderness behavior
- Created an updated Geographic Information System (GIS) map to be used on new trailhead signs
- Administered outfitter guide and recreation event permits

Law Enforcement

- Funded two wilderness rangers for wilderness patrol, education and enforcement of wilderness regulations

Cost of Collection

- Funded salaries for employees who conducted fee collections and compliance

Upcoming Fee Projects

- Maintain the Eagle Falls trailhead
- Design and install new generation trailhead signs
- Continue the "Desolation Wilderness Education Tour" providing wilderness education booths and presentations for schools, fairs and businesses
- Continue "Visitor Appreciation Days" & "Wilderness Stewardship Challenge"
- Continue to support outfitter guide and recreation event permit issuance and administration

Recreation Fee Revenue Sources

Permits & Passes

- Desolation Wilderness Permit & Reservations
- Golden Passports & Federal Interagency Passes
- Eldorado National Forest/Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Annual Use Pass
- Recreation Event and Outfitter & Guide Permits

Sites/Areas

- Standard amenity day use fee at Eagle Falls Trailhead

Services

- Interpretive program at Mt. Baldy Visitor Center