



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 National Forests in Florida:

Apalachicola National Forest

- Constructed an accessible picnic site and access route at Leon Sinks Geological Area.
- Maintained 34 miles of motorized trails, six campgrounds and two day use areas.

Ocala National Forest

- Maintained 138 miles of motorized trails, six campgrounds, six day use areas, three group camps and one boat ramp.
- Rented portable restrooms for Shanty Pond Campground.
- Refurbished ten campground identification signs.
- Provided water and electricity at campgrounds and day use areas.
- Rebuilt drinking water well at River Forest Group Camp.
- Inspected and repaired water systems at three campgrounds to comply with State of Florida standards.

Osceola National Forest

- Repaired electrical infrastructure and bathhouse roof at Ocean Pond Campground.
- Replaced safety buoys in a swimming area and benches and bicycle racks in Ocean Pond Day Use Area.
- Replaced 44 picnic tables and 24 fire rings at Ocean Pond Campground and Hog Pen Landing.

Special Feature

Leon Sinks Geological Area showcases water's amazing power to erode limestone. Visitors from near and far stop to view wet sinkholes, depressions, natural bridges and disappearing streams. A new accessible picnic site constructed in 2011 will give them an additional reason to stay and enjoy the area.



National Forests in Florida Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$376,912
Special Uses	\$14,053
Interagency Pass	\$14,099
Total	\$405,064

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$395,047
Visitor Services	\$35,000
Cost of Collections	\$4,590
Law Enforcement	\$55,000
Total	\$489,637

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.



Replaced accessible grills at Ocean Pond Beach Day Use Area Group Site



Ocean Pond's new welcome sign

National Forests in Florida Additional Accomplishments

Osceola National Forest (continued)

- Constructed an information kiosk; replaced beach bathhouse ventilation fans, group site grill, fishing pier wood decking, outside lights at Ramada and bathhouses, and life vest storage cabinet; rehabilitated swim beach information kiosk; and repaired four shower stalls at Olustee Beach Recreation Area.
- Repaired a bathhouse roof at Ocean Pond Campground.



*New Motorized Trail System on the
Ocala National Forest*



*Swimmers and boaters enjoy the water at
Ocean Pond Beach Day Use Area.*

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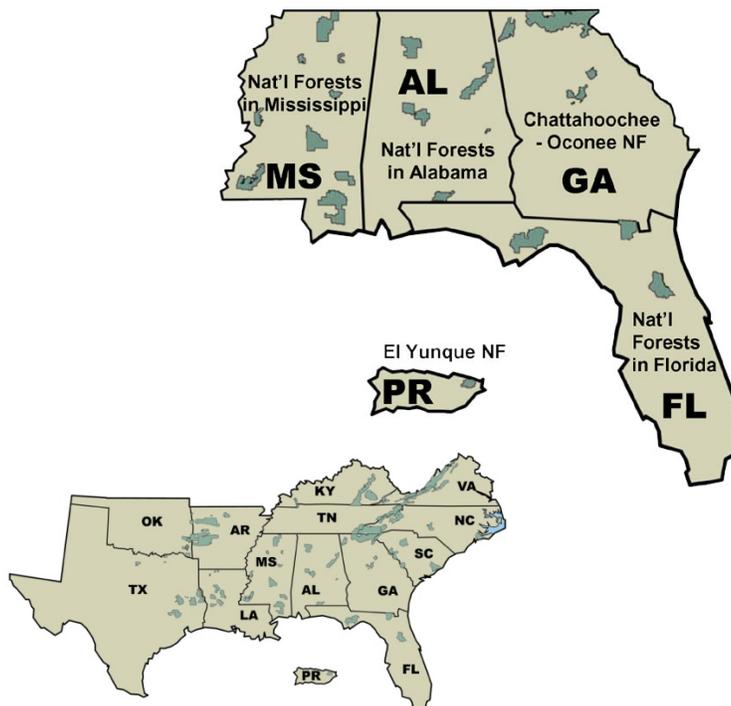
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Southern Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,881,548
Special Uses	\$1,152,240
Interagency Pass	\$123,920
Total	\$8,157,709

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$4,972,816
Visitor Services	\$1,175,444
Cost of Collections	\$974,192
Law Enforcement	\$268,074
Habitat Restoration	\$1,500
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$7,392,027

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