



**Eldorado National Forest**

**Recreation Program Fee Accomplishment Report 2011**

*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 Eldorado National Forest:**

- Operated and maintained family and group campgrounds in the Crystal Basin and Wrights Lake areas, and Lovers Leap and Dru Barner campgrounds.
- Operated and maintained Robb’s Hut, Loon Lake Chalet, Van Vleck Bunkhouse, Sly Guard, and Harvey West recreation rentals.
- Served 8,400 walk-in and 1,100 call-in visitors at Crystal Information Station from mid-May to mid-October: provided campground availability information, maps and recreation opportunity guides, passes, and cabin rental information.
- Installed 31 bear-resistant food lockers at Big Meadows Campground, 62 at Wrights Lake and Wrights Equestrian campgrounds, and six at Dru Barner Campground.
- Installed three bear-resistant garbage and recycling containers at Dru Barner Campground, and one each at Lovers Leap Campground and Pyramid Creek Trailhead.
- Organized and completed trail maintenance and retaining wall projects with the Youth Conservation Corps and Adopt a Crag group at Lovers Leap Campground.
- Leveraged Secure Rural Schools grant and reconstructed campground roads; purchased and installed a new toilet building and a group site grill, and leveraged off-highway vehicle group volunteer labor to install improvements and plant native trees and shrubs at South Fork Campground.
- Partnered with California State Department of Boating and Waterways to improve Wrights Lake Canoe Pier.
- Funded a Wilderness Ranger in the Carson Pass Area, who made public contacts, provided visitor education, maintained trails, and supervised and directed volunteer groups.
- Provided oversight for Mokelumne Wilderness Volunteers who assisted with trail clearing and visitor education in the Carson Pass area, contributing over 300 hours of service.
- Supported the Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association, which provided over 2,300 volunteer hours and served 11,000 visitors at the Carson Pass Information Station.

**Special Feature**

Many campgrounds offer interpretive and educational programs funded by recreation fees. One such program, *The Impact Monster*, was presented at Wrights Lake Campground throughout the summer of 2011. Audience participation is key to this skit that teaches visitors the importance of and how to minimize their effects on vegetation, wildlife, and other campers.



**Eldorado National Forest Revenue & Expenditures**

**Revenue**

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$302,290
Special Uses	\$4,131
Interagency Pass	\$6,516
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$312,937</b>

**Expenditures\***

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$251,500
Visitor Services	\$76,804
Cost of Collections	\$21,000
Law Enforcement	\$14,000
Habitat Restoration	\$3,290
Fee Agreements	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$366,594</b>

\*Expenditures can be funded with previous years’ revenues.

## Eldorado National Forest Additional Accomplishments

Partnered with Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and supported projects in Desolation Wilderness:

- Funded staff who provided Wilderness education and issued over 4,700 overnight permits to nearly 14,000 visitors.
- Coordinated transition of the overnight permit reservation system to the National Recreation Reservation Service.
- Funded Wilderness rangers who made over 4,000 visitor contacts and cleared over 66 miles of Wilderness trails.
- Partnered with REI and the Tides Foundation and supported the Desolation Wilderness Volunteer Program. Forty-four volunteers contributed over 2,700 hours of education, trail maintenance, monitoring, website development and campsite restoration.
- Completed trail work in the Pyramid Creek area on National Trails Day.
- Partnered with Desolation Wilderness Volunteers, Backcountry Horsemen, Elegant Ears, and Student Conservation Association to recondition campsites and improve 100-feet of trail around Maud Lake to reduce impacts to the wetland area.
- Partnered with Sacramento State University and completed 80 hours of campsite monitoring.



A volunteer cuts out a tree fallen across a Wilderness trail.



Volunteers are vital to monitoring conditions in Desolation Wilderness.

## More Information

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## Pacific Southwest Region Revenue & Expenditures

### Revenue\*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,246,433
Special Uses	\$1,005,259
Interagency Pass	289,851
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,541,543</b>

### Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,609,922
Visitor Services	\$2,353,418
Cost of Collections	\$852,510
Law Enforcement	310,684
Habitat Restoration	\$38,263
Fee Agreements	\$1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,166,297</b>

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