



Inyo 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 Inyo National Forest:

Developed Campgrounds/South Tufa and Navy Beach:

- Cleaned and maintained eight restrooms and provided twice weekly trash service at South Tufa and Navy Beach and 12 restrooms at Horseshoe Meadow Campground daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Repaired solar-powered water pump at Horseshoe Meadow Campground that serves the entire water system and adjacent pack station facilities.
- Removed 100 small diameter trees in Lee Vining Canyon campgrounds.
- Moved interpretive signs and benches, and re-routed the Tufa Trail to accommodate Mono Lake's rising water level.
- Repaired and maintained Navy Beach, South Tufa, and Lee Vining Canyon campground roads.
- Repaired and stained four kiosks at South Tufa, Navy Beach, and Panum Crater.
- Presented over 300 interpretive tours and information to more than 3,900 visitors at South Tufa.

Reds Meadow Area:

- Cleaned and maintained ten restrooms in the valley.
- Removed 40 large hazard trees along the access road and replaced 22 traffic signs damaged by heavy winter snowfall.
- Cleared vegetation along 2.5 miles of Reds Meadow road to facilitate drainage, and improve visibility and visitor safety.
- Partnered with the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and removed unprecedented snowpack and avalanche debris from Reds Meadow road.
- Partnered with the National Park Service and placed four new interpretive panels at Minaret Vista and repaired mountain viewing telescopes.
- Offered informal interpretive tours and information to over 1,300 visitors at Minaret Vista and its area trails.

Special Feature

A record 55 feet of snow fell on Reds Meadow Road during the 2010/2011 winter causing avalanches that damaged the area's recreation facilities and kept its roads closed longer than usual. Recreation fees were leveraged with partnerships to complete necessary repairs and remove the lingering snowpack. Visitors gained access to Reds Meadow's campgrounds and recreation areas in time to enjoy the July 4th holiday.



Inyo National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$835,180
Special Uses	\$124,783
Interagency Pass	\$95,575
Total	\$1,055,538

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$163,000
Visitor Services	\$616,777
Cost of Collections	\$131,000
Law Enforcement	\$21,000
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$931,777

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

Inyo National Forest Additional Accomplishments

Wilderness Reservation System/Wilderness Stewardship:

- Staffed the wilderness permit reservation office year-round and offered trip planning assistance, visitor information, and wilderness education. Processed 14,000 reservations and 20,000 wilderness permits.
- Leveraged existing partnerships and supported staff at the forest's four visitor centers: Mono Basin Scenic Area, Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, White Mountain Ranger Station, and the Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine.
- Funded three wilderness rangers who worked in the Mt. Whitney Trail drainage: completed trail maintenance tasks, provided visitor information and assistance, and checked permit compliance.
- Purchased and distributed 25,000 "Wag-Bags" to all hikers in the Mt. Whitney drainage in an ongoing effort to protect visitor safety and resources by managing human waste.
- Printed and distributed 20,000 copies of *Hiking the Mt. Whitney Trail* brochure, a color, foldable pocket guide.
- Supported development of an on-line wilderness permit reservation service.
- Processed and administered 40 outfitter and guide special use permits.



Forest Service trail crew and student interns clear and maintain the Mt. Whitney Trail.



Visitors to Minaret Vista enjoy an impromptu ranger lead program.

More Information

Inyo National Forest Recreation Fee Program

Contact:

760-873-2464

djpietrasanta@fs.fed.us

Online: www.fs.usda.gov/inyo



For information on the Regional Program

Contact:

707-562-8965

twilton@fs.fed.us

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Pacific Southwest Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

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

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
Total	\$7,166,297

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