



**Sierra 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 Sierra National Forest:

- Funded a river ranger who patrolled Kings River five days each week, contacted and shared information with visitors along the river and at campsites, cleaned restrooms 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 treated weeds at developed campgrounds.
- Funded Wilderness rangers who patrolled the Ansel Adams, Dinkey Lakes, John Muir, and Kaiser Wilderness areas, made visitor contacts, and presented visitor education information.
- Supported volunteers and employees who inventoried campsites, rehabilitated poorly placed campsites and fire rings, installed signs, maintained trails, and removed garbage.
- Administered and monitored 26 outfitter and guide special use permits for companies that offered fishing, hunting, wilderness trips, and white water rafting opportunities.
- Processed and administered 17 recreation events.
- Maintained and improved wilderness trails.



New steps along a steep section of Bear Ridge Trail.

### Special Feature

Volunteers are vital to recreation programs across the country. They provide visitor information and assistance, perform maintenance tasks, and monitor resources along with many other activities. If you visited the High Sierra Ranger District in 2011, you undoubtedly encountered Bob and Marilyn, extraordinary volunteers who love providing information and answering questions. Bob logged nearly 1,000 volunteer hours during the 2011 summer!



### Sierra National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

#### Revenue

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$35,946
Special Uses	\$80,741
Interagency Pass	\$25,905
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$142,592</b>

#### Expenditures\*

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$59,750
Visitor Services	\$159,658
Cost of Collections	\$31,400
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,808</b>

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

## Sierra National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Partially funded employees and supported volunteers who provided visitor information at main offices in Prather and North Fork, CA, and more remote stations at Eastwood, Dinkey Creek, Clover Meadow, and High Sierra.
  - Provided information and answered questions about wilderness, river rafting, camping, and other recreational activities.
  - Issued wilderness permits and provided information about the importance of proper food storage, camping on durable surfaces, and protecting water quality.
- Funded seven college interns for the Wilderness program and two for the special uses program. Interns performed a variety of duties and gained valuable job experience in the field of recreation, special uses, and natural resource management.



College interns used various hand tools to complete trail maintenance projects.



An intern packs supplies into John Muir 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.