



Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

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 Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit:

Co-managed the Desolation Wilderness with the Eldorado National Forest:

- Funded backcountry rangers to patrol, contact visitors, and complete trail maintenance tasks; 6,000 hours of work was completed by these rangers during 2011.
- Cleared downed trees along nearly 100 miles of designated trails.
- Dismantled, removed, and naturalized over 200 illegal fire rings within the Wilderness.
- Funded three naturalists to staff Taylor Creek Visitor Center Wilderness information trailer.
- Organized, trained and supervised 44 Desolation Wilderness volunteers who contributed approximately 3,000 hours of work during the year.
- Rehabilitated dozens of campsites located in sensitive resource areas.
- Partnered with the Eldorado National Forest and National Recreation Reservation Service to create a user-friendly, web-based system to issue Desolation Wilderness overnight permits.
- Processed and administered outfitter guide special use permits.
- Provided program support to the Sierra Avalanche Center.



Before and after photos of Wilderness rangers removing a tree that blocked a popular trail.



Special Feature

Identifying and removing invasive plants is an important part of keeping the “wild” in Wilderness. In 2011, a local youth conservation group, called Generation Green, hunted for invasive plant species. The effort was funded with recreation fees that were leveraged with an Ecological Restoration Grant. Areas around popular lakes and ten miles of trail corridor were searched and the presence of these noxious weeds cataloged.



**LTBMU
Revenue & Expenditures
Revenue**

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$79,298
Special Uses	\$75,883
Interagency Pass	\$5,400
Total	\$160,581

Expenditures*

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$30,919
Visitor Services	\$155,427
Cost of Collections	\$19,000
Law Enforcement	\$9,310
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$214,656

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Additional Accomplishments

- Supported volunteer groups including, California Alpine Club, California State University, and the Student Conservation Association who assisted with trail maintenance and campsite monitoring projects.
- Implemented three ecological restoration projects in Desolation Wilderness: improved habitat for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, surveyed for invasive plants, and monitored water quality.
- Maintained Eagle Falls and Pyramid Creek trailheads daily.
- Supported staff at Pacific Ranger District and Taylor Creek Visitor Center who presented wilderness education programs to organizations such as the Sierra Club, REI, Sacramento State University, and Boy Scout troops.



Generation Green crew members naturalize an undesignated campsite area.



Wilderness rangers restore an undesignated campsite area.

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
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.