



Recreation Program Modification Initiative

Tonto National Forest

Why Are Changes Needed to the Recreation Program?

- Combination of allocated dollars and fee dollars no longer cover the cost of operating and maintaining developed recreation sites on the Tonto National Forest.
- More than 1.7 million visits to developed recreation sites annually and expected to grow
 - 800,000 visits to developed day use sites
 - 961,000 visits to developed overnight use sites
- Condition of recreation facilities and site cleanliness continue to deteriorate.
- Service reductions have begun and community complaints are increasing.
- 86.9% of visitors to the Tonto reside in Arizona; as the state's population grows, so will the demand for recreational services and facilities.
- It is essential that we manage developed recreation sites using current staffing funding levels, partnership, and volunteer resources that are available to us.

