

Mendocino National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

Grazing for Fuels Reduction



Grazing Goats fuel reduction project

Managing grassy fuels in and around the Red Bluff Recreation Area (RBRA) is a constant battle. The forest conducted an alternative fuel treatment to control light fuels within the RBRA using live goats and working with a shepherd. The forest used approximately \$1,000 in recreation fee funds to pay for recreation staffing. The staff established entrance pints for the goat water tank, and acted as a translator for the Spanish-speaking Shepherd. The goat project was a success! Fuels were reduced in and around the RBRA including along the roads and trails.

Improving User Safety

The Mendocino Complex, comprised of the River and Ranch Fires (July 27, 2018), is the largest wildland fire in California history. Of this total amount, around 288,000 acres are on the southern end of the forest. The fire burned through the forests Off-Highway Vehicle system, destroying



Post fire hazard tree removal

directional signs, recreation sites and hurting trail integrity. The forest spent \$5,000 in recreation fee funds removing large numbers of resulting hazard trees that were threatening infrastructure and public safety.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.



*Howard Meadow campground
falling trees and
peeling them to fix
the buck and rail
fence*

Other Accomplishments

Repair, Maintenance and Facility Enhancement:

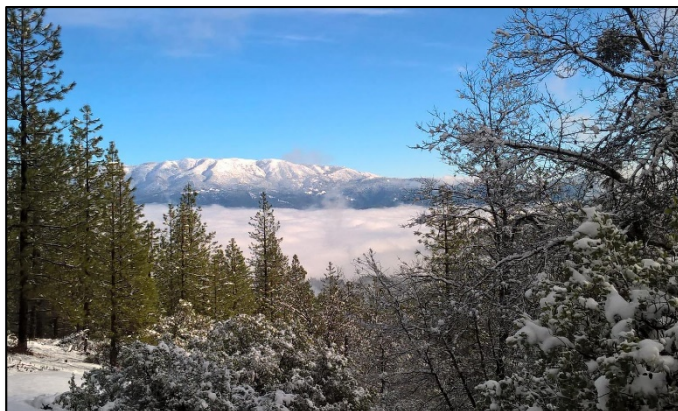
- Removed hazard trees and performed fuels reduction; maintained and repaired landscaping equipment for recreation sites.
- In the Red Bluff Recreation Area crews replaced and repaired lights, sprinklers, exhaust fans and rebuilt aeration pumps for toilets at Sycamore Grove and Camp Discovery Group Campgrounds.
- Helped the Sherriff's probation department clean up a homeless camp at Red Bluff Recreation Area.
- Tested potable water at Plaskett Meadows and Masterson Group, Sycamore Grove and Camp Discovery Group campgrounds.

Improved Visitor Services:

- Supported campground hosts and work hosts at the Red Bluff Recreation Area. Hosts provided resource protection, information, safety/compliance checks and regular cleaning at fee campgrounds.
- Monitored three special use permits at Red Bluff Recreation Area.

Collection and Compliance Staff:

- Funded salaries for employees who conducted fee collections and compliance.
- Sacramento River Boat Launch passes.
- Expanded amenity fees at five family and two group campgrounds and one boat-ramp.



Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument

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Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$101,358	\$9,140,351
Special Uses	\$107	\$1,297,840
Interagency Passes	\$3,060	\$502,160
Total	\$104,525	\$10,940,351
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$45,772	\$4,261,296
Visitor Services	\$27,740	\$2,512,317
Law Enforcement	\$22,187	\$228,114
Habitat Restoration	\$1,000	\$24,966
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$20,122
Collections/Overhead	\$17,364	\$899,107
Total	\$114,063	\$7,945,922

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and upcoming startup costs.