

Lassen National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

Youth Job Training at Soldier Meadows

Soldier Meadows Campground is located near Soldier Creek, in a picturesque pine and fir forest. In 2019, the forest used \$2,000 in recreation fee funds to leverage \$3,000 in partner match for campsite repairs. The forest partnered with a local Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew to paint tables and kiosks, repair the perimeter split rail fence, reside the restroom facility and replace the campground entrance sign. The YCC crew members are a mix of local youth and youth from the San Francisco Bay Area. In addition to project work, youth interacted with the district aquatic biologist and a local expert in Maidu history. The project helped keep this popular horse-friendly campground open and youth expressed how much they enjoyed the project.



Sierra Institute P-CREW fixing split rail fence at Soldier Meadow Campground

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.

Trail Development at Crater



Crater Lake Campground - new lakeside site

Crater Lake Campground sits on the edge of a tiny water-filled caldera, in a quiet mountainous regions at 6,800 feet. Forest staff used \$3,500 in recreation fee funds to work with a California Conservation Corps crew on trail construction, facility improvements and new signage in 2019. The existing short-distance walking trails on each side of the lake were extended to nearly encircle the lake. The forest improved the trail tread, installed signs at both ends and created a new interpretive trail map for visitors.

Other Accomplishments

Facilities Maintenance:

- Removed over 100 hazard trees from campgrounds.
- Cleaned and repaired culverts in eight campgrounds.
- Administered six recreation events and two outfitter and guides special use permits.
- Replaced a bridge at Cave Campground and over 20 campfire rings across the forest.

Service Enhancement:

- Staffed the Old Station Visitor Center seven days/week during the summer.
- Painted the interior of over 30 vault toilets.

Partnerships and Volunteers:

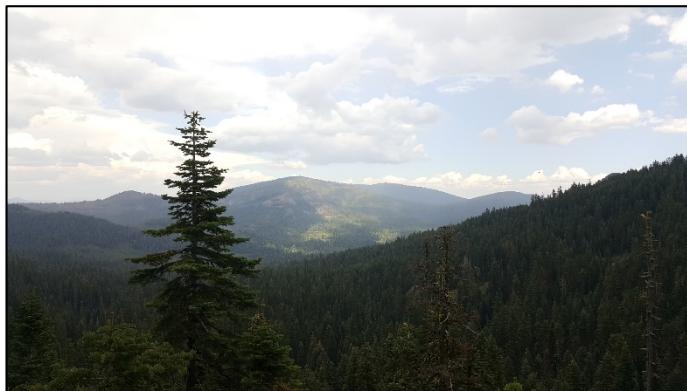
- Supported campground hosts who provided visitor information, monitored sites, collected trash and cleaned restrooms and campsites.
- Partnered with the California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation to prep 103 campsites in two campgrounds, including painting three vault toilets, digging 90 campfire pits and removing hazardous fuel and brush.



Regional Map



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Butt Mountain from Humboldt Summit and the Pacific Crest Trail

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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$281,849	\$9,140,351
Special Uses	\$2,009	\$1,297,840
Interagency Passes	\$7,160	\$502,160
Total	\$291,018	\$10,940,351
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$159,057	\$4,261,296
Visitor Services	\$25,143	\$2,512,317
Law Enforcement	\$2,854	\$228,114
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$24,966
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$20,122
Collections/Overhead	\$11,226	\$899,107
Total	\$198,280	\$7,945,922

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