

Los Padres National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Learning about Ecological Restoration

The forest assisted an Eagle Scout project to rehabilitate the Pino Alto Interpretive Trail at the Pino Alto Day Use Area.

Posts with metal numbers were replaced and new interpretive signs that brought new life to the trail.

A new plexiglass was replaced to cover the wooden interpretive map as well as a pamphlet box to provide the public with directions around the interpretive trail.

The forest assisted by purchasing the materials from recreation fee funds. The trail was developed so the public can learn more about the environment in this area. Trail talks about the young Ponderosa pines fight for survival, benefits to birds, and the Santa Ynez Overlook.

The picnic area and trail are in the pines and firs. This spot provide a nice vista of the Santa Ynez Valley below. The day use area is an Adventure Pass or fee site.

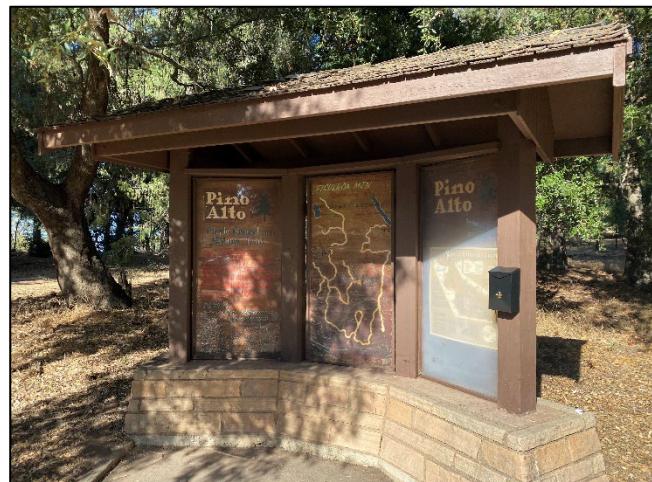


Recreation Fee Dollars

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.

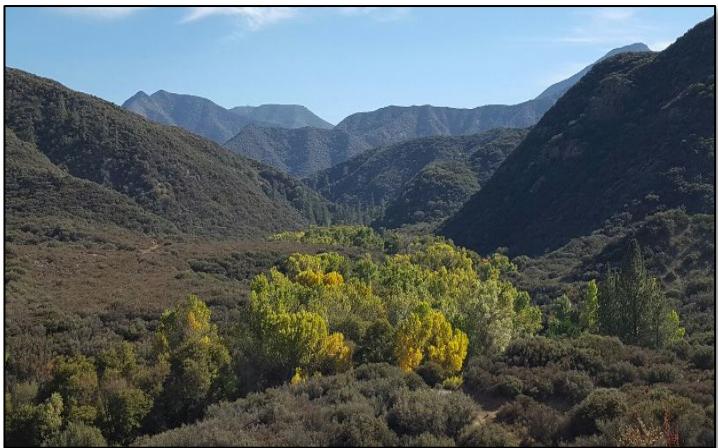


Other Accomplishments

- Locks to replace toilet vault locks which had been vandalized
- New snow play signs installed
- Vault toilet items to repair/replace items vandalized/stolen at campgrounds throughout forest
- Anti-theft nuts to mount signs so they cannot be stolen
- Batteries and wiring harness to replace the ones stolen
- Electronic road signs purchased for winter snow play area to inform the public that an Adventure Pass is required when they recreate within the Mt Pino's Winter area along Cuddy Valley Road
- Purchased campground signage including campsite markers for multiple locations



Snow Play Guide found on the forest's website.



The Sespe Wilderness on the Ojai Ranger District

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Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$493,050	\$8,921,596
Special Uses	\$9,192	\$977,102
Interagency Passes	\$0	\$102,752
Total	\$502,242	\$10,001,450
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$25,588	\$3,499,145
Visitor Services	\$52,501	\$2,921,425
Law Enforcement	\$4,419	\$272,025
Habitat Restoration	\$2,979	\$231,339
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$1,208
Collections/Overhead	\$11,329	\$382,632
Total	\$96,816	\$7,307,774

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