

Cleveland National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Interpretive Signage Improvements



Sign installation completed with forest recreation staff

The Pioneer Mail Trailhead is a popular place in the Laguna Mountain National Recreation Area, especially for Pacific Crest Trail hikers. It includes high elevation scenic vistas overlooking the desert below. The picnic area is in a small oak grove oasis that provides visitors relief from the warm desert temperatures. Recreation fees were used to improve the interpretive signage located near the parking area. The older sign boards were replaced with redesigned panels that improved public messaging and provided visitors with information on the local history of the area. Forest staff redesigned the interpretive signage in collaboration with a local tribal representative. The design cost and sign production including additional signage installed in other areas was \$8,587.

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.

Nobel Canyon Trailhead

The Noble Canyon Trail is a popular trail with mountain bikers, trail runners, and hikers alike. It is a huge draw to urban San Diego residents and tourists visiting the area because of its rugged ledge hugging switchbacks, steep slopes, and jagged rocks. Recreation fees were used to improve the trail and update outdated signage at the trailhead.



Noble Canyon trailhead sign replacement

Laguna Mountain Recreation Area



Before and after of installation of new Laguna Mountain Recreation Area sign bought with recreation fee funds

Other Accomplishments

Maintaining infrastructure in publicly used recreation sites and facilities can be a daunting task at times. Major maintenance tasks using recreation fee money were completed including:

- Fleet spending for recreation staff and off-highway vehicle program management – \$89,154
- Recreation staffing at off-highway vehicle fee site program management - \$279,790



Pioneer Mail Trailhead signboard before updated interpretive signage was added

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$1,073,192	\$8,921,596
Special Uses	\$5,384	\$977,102
Interagency Passes	\$21,600	\$102,752
Total		\$10,001,45
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$36,943	\$3,499,145
Visitor Services	\$370,875	\$2,921,425
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$272,025
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$231,339
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$1,208
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$382,632
Total		\$407,818 \$7,307,774

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