

# Sequoia National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

### Improved River Access



*Improved river access for Fairview launch site*

Fairview Launch at Johnsondale Bridge is a popular put-in and take-out point for whitewater boating enthusiasts enjoying the Wild and Scenic Kern River. Outfitter guides and private boaters must navigate a steep slope to get their rafts and kayaks to and from the river's edge.

This year \$18,000 of recreation fee funds paid to improve the access route to the river. New paving smoothed and stabilized the slope so whitewater enthusiasts could more safely access this world class recreation opportunity.

### 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.

### Young Interns Get the Work Done



Recreation fees funds helped support seven Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns who provided interpretive and conservation education programs for about 1,795 people at campgrounds. In addition, the interns helped to re-open the Deer Cove Trail in the Monarch Wilderness which has been closed since the Rough Fire in 2015. Some served as a shore-based river rangers to monitor boating sites and camping areas, make visitor contacts, and clean up trash. Finally others worked at developed recreation fee sites around Isabella Lake and Oak Flat Lookout.



### Golf Carts for Hosts



Funds of \$7,800 from recreation fees helped purchase two golf carts used by volunteer hosts at Camp 9, Auxiliary Dam, Troy Meadow, and Fish Creek. These carts allow the hosts to move

efficiently about these large recreation sites so they can better communicate with visitors, patrol the shoreline areas, pick up trash, and carry cleaning and maintenance supplies.

## Other Accomplishments

- Completed routine maintenance such as trash collection, cleaning, vault toilet and septic tank pumping, and minor building repairs.
- Enhanced public safety through hazard tree and limb removal and drinking water testing.
- Funded additional law enforcement patrols for public safety and assistance on holiday weekends.
- Funded temporary employees to perform cleaning, maintenance, and visitor contacts.
- Provided trash dumpsters and portable restrooms to supplement permanent restroom facilities.
- Supported three wilderness rangers for Monarch and Jennie Lakes Wilderness educating visitors on Leave No trace and Outdoor Ethics.
- Helped produce quarterly recreation newspaper for visitors to Hume Lake District and the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.
- Supported visitors services at Kings Canyon Visitor Center.



*The Needles in the Giant Sequoia National Monument*

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*Panels provide valuable visitor information at developed fee sites.*

## Regional Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$691,499	\$8,820,731
Special Uses	\$108,523	\$1,208,449
Interagency Passes	\$14,901	\$802,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$814,922</b>	<b>\$10,831,679</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$334,213	\$4,724,634
Visitor Services	\$116,155	\$2,426,694
Law Enforcement	\$41,172	\$257,003
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$32,340
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$33,584
Collections/Overhead	\$4,712	\$791,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$496,252</b>	<b>\$8,265,549</b>

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