

Stanislaus National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Boating on the Tuolumne River

River rangers expanded the Meral's Pool Boat Ramp. Crews set grade, installed concrete forms and steel, and poured the concrete to extend the ramp. The ramp was widened by eight feet to make it a total of 22 feet wide by 80 feet long. Crews also added two staging pads on the downstream side. Additionally, the crew repaired the Cherry Creek run slide put-in as a slope stabilization project by pining and concreting a boulder that threatened the integrity of the Cherry Creek Boat Ramp.

Rangers continued their assistance to rafters with wrapped boats and emergency evacuations. They conducted outfitter and guide permit inspections and initiated riparian revegetation, restoration on the Main Tuolumne and removed navigation hazard trees blocking the Tuolumne above the confluence with the South Fork Tuolumne.

All this work was completed using recreation fee funds from river users.



Meral's Pool ramp before expansion



River Ranger patrol on the Main Tuolumne River

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.



Trash left outside dumpsters on a normal Sunday at the Union/ Utica Reservoirs Campgrounds



The Forest Service provides refuse dumpsters at certain campgrounds to protect wildlife. Despite signage not to leave trash out and Forest Service campaign to *Pack it in and Pack it out*, much trash is left around full dumpsters.

Unfortunately, rangers need to spend precious time cleaning up the mess, leaving less time to focus on important tasks such as checking on abandoned campfire and restroom

cleaning throughout all the campgrounds. Recreation fee funds contribute to staff insuring a safe environment for the public and wildlife.

Other Accomplishments

- Everyday recreation fee collection and reconciliation and fee compliance
- Supported campground hosts at high user visitation sites.
- Installed, repaired and maintained campground bollards, fire rings, and signs.
- Cleaned campgrounds and toilet facilities daily.



Highland Lakes Campground new bear box installation

Forest staff and Youth Corps participants installing picnic tables rated for heavy wet snow



Regional Map



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Vista View from the Arnold Rim Trail

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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$179,803	\$8,921,596
Special Uses	\$46,419	\$977,102
Interagency Passes	\$10,220	\$102,752
Total	\$236,442	\$10,001,450
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$74,055	\$3,499,145
Visitor Services	\$94,745	\$2,921,425
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$272,025
Habitat Restoration	\$17,224	\$231,339
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$1,208
Collections/Overhead	\$28,512	\$382,632
Total	\$214,536	\$7,307,774

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