



Sierra National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permits

Funding supported Wilderness outfitter and guide permit administration, which included field inspections of outfitter and guiding activities in the Ansel Adams and John Muir Wildernesses. The inspections help to ensure permit compliance and resource protection. In addition funds helped to oversee and review field reports provided by wilderness rangers provided on activities conducted by 13 outfitter and guides.

Additionally funds helped in the inspection of seven commercial packers associated with resorts.



School group on a wilderness backpacking trip with an outfitter guide in the Ansel Adams Wilderness.



Pack stock is a must for completing permit administration in the Wilderness.

High Use at a Wild and Scenic River

Recreation fee revenue collected from outfitting and guiding on the Wild and Scenic Kings River, has helped fund much needed maintenance at developed recreation sites. Visitors enjoy exciting white water rafting opportunities on this river, which sees high use from private groups and permitted outfitters and guide companies.

Work completed in camping areas, raft put-in and take-out, day use, and group sites included supporting volunteers, raking of debris, removing fire hazards, picking up litter and trash, repairing restrooms, eradicating noxious weeds, and painting tables and restrooms.



Gravel Flat Recreation site on the Kings 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.

Other Accomplishments

- Brought special use permit billing and permits up to date and into compliance. Many of the permits were backlogged for billing numerous years. Permits included 113 organizational camps, 115 private camps, 123 recreation residences, 133 resorts, 153 outfitting and guiding, 181 recreation events, and 552 filming permits.
- Made over 64,000 visitor contacts both through offices and at sites.

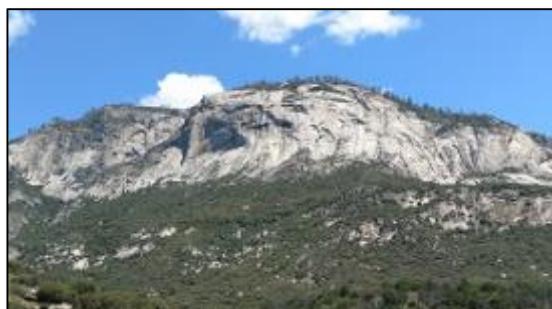


Twin Lakes in the Kaiser Wilderness is a popular destination on the Sierra National Forest.

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Patterson Bluff is a prominent topographic feature seen from the Kings River corridor and is one of many granite domes on the forest.

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$43,695	\$8,820,731
Special Uses	\$134,307	\$1,208,449
Interagency Passes	\$55,275	\$802,500
Total	\$233,277	\$10,831,679
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$6,000	\$4,724,634
Visitor Services	\$0	\$2,426,694
Law Enforcement	\$4,120	\$257,003
Habitat Restoration	\$6,411	\$32,340
Fee Agreements	\$19,078	\$33,584
Collections/Overhead	\$14,778	\$791,294
Total	\$50,387	\$8,265,549

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