

Modoc National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Blue Lake Boat Launch Area



Blue Lake Boat Launch

Blue Lake Recreation Area is a popular summer getaway where visitors enjoy camping, fishing, swimming, boating and hiking. Currently there is no designated swimming area at Blue Lake. Hence, swimmers have been swimming from the Lake's one and only boat launch and dock. On warm summer days, the boat launch area can become overwhelmed with swimmers and all their belongings. Those wishing to launch boats sometimes cannot or have difficulty doing so. The forest is actively working to provide a designated swimming area. In the meantime, the forest used \$4,650 from recreation fee collections to purchase 12 picnic tables. Four of those tables have been placed around the boat launch area to provide swimmers a place to sit and eight tables have replaced broken tables in the Blue Lake Campground.

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.

Campers In – Cattle Out

Visitors to the Modoc National Forest may have noticed we share the land with not only wildlife but also cattle. Cattle ranching has been a way of life in the area long before the forest was ever designated a National Forest. It is a huge driver in the local economy. Although we are happy to share most of the forest with cattle, developed campgrounds are intended to be for campers only. Last year the forest began extensive campground improvements. To protect these investments (picnic tables, fire rings, grills, water faucets, kiosks, etc.) from cattle, \$9,615 of recreation fee money was used to purchase lumber and supplies to construct and repair fences.



Before and after photos



Essential Technicians

Forests across the nation saw an increase in visits to our public lands. Thanks to the seasonal recreation staff, the forest was able to keep facilities open, clean, and safe. A large portion of the salaries, over \$28,000, comes from recreation fee collections. Seasonal staff help provide bathroom cleaning, trash services, campground maintenance and repairs, and support construction and trail building projects. Seasonal recreation staff are essential to carrying out the forest's mission.

Other Accomplishments

- Provided campground hosts at Medicine Lake and Blue Lake Campgrounds. Recreation fee funds covered their stipends and supplies, totaling more than \$3,000. Hosts were instrumental in conducting campground checks, collecting fees, answering questions from the public, performing light maintenance duties, and assisting seasonal recreation staff.
- Purchased custom-built, heavy-duty corrals for Soup Springs Equestrian Campground with \$9,900 of recreation fee money. Existing corrals are old and have become unsafe to hold animals. Installation will start in summer, 2022.
- Maintained and managed campgrounds, including cleaned and pumped toilets, maintained, monitored and sampled drinking water systems and water quality, collected trash and recycling.



Left: Rec. Tech. training AmeriCorps members at Medicine Lake Recreation Area. **Right:** New kiosk at Blue Lake Rec. Area.

Regional Map



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Patterson Lake – South Warner Wilderness

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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$105,875	\$8,921,596
Special Uses	\$0	\$977,102
Interagency Passes	\$200	\$102,752
Total	\$106,075	\$10,001,450
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$31,828	\$3,499,145
Visitor Services	\$24,779	\$2,921,425
Law Enforcement	\$2,017	\$272,025
Habitat Restoration	\$4,511	\$231,339
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$1,208
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$382,632
Total	\$63,135	\$7,307,774

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