

# Plumas National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2021

### Campground Cleanup



*A truck carrying logs from blowdown at Little Grass Valley Reservoir*



*New sign at Black Rock Campground*

Little Grass Valley Reservoir has six fee sites operated with fee revenue. During winter of 2021, there was a strong wind event which created blowdown and damage to infrastructure at these campgrounds.

Cleanup required all hands-on deck to get campgrounds prepared and operational for the 2021 camping season. Signs were also damaged by the wind event at recreation sites at Little Grass Valley.

Fee revenue went towards replacement of bulletin boards, signs, temporary portable toilets, and other recreation infrastructure repairs.

### 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.

### Trail Work and Maintenance

On the Plumas National Forest recreation fees in 2021 not only funded operation and maintenance of fee sites, but also went towards maintaining trails and areas where other fee revenue is generated. Some of the fee revenue from outfitter and guide permits, and recreation events went towards maintaining trails, recreation sites, and areas where these activities take place, or in nearby areas where recreation opportunities are located.



*Forest employee paints a sign on the Beckwourth Ranger District*

### Back in Action

Black Mountain Lookout is a public rental operated by fee revenue. The lookout was closed during 2020 due to COVID-19 and was vandalized, requiring it to be repaired early season before it could be open to the public in 2021.

The lookout is situated on the eastern edge of the Beckwourth Ranger District and offers striking views of Honey Lake to the north, and Last Chance Creek to the south. Four people can fit in the cabin.

Camping space is available outside. Maximum occupancy for the site is eight visitors.



*Employees maintain the Black Mountain Lookout after being shut down during 2020 season due to COVID-19*

## Other Accomplishments

Recreation fee revenue allowed the Plumas National Forest the following additional accomplishments:

- Operated ten recreation sites where fee revenue is generated.
- Operated three boat launches adjacent to fee sites critical to the operation of fee sites.
- Operated 15 additional recreation sites that use funds generated by recreation events and outfitter and guides.
- Provided portable toilets and washing stations at four campgrounds that experienced a water shortage due to drought. The portable toilets and hand washing stations were critical in allowing continued operations during the 2021 season due to lack of water for flush toilets.



Black Mountain Lookout

## Regional Map



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Forest employee maintaining the Pacific Crest Trail Bucks Lake Wilderness

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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$249,957	\$8,921,596
Special Uses	\$3,340	\$977,102
Interagency Passes	\$2,440	\$102,752
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$255,737</b>	<b>\$10,001,450</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$150,657	\$3,499,145
Visitor Services	\$5,000	\$2,921,425
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$272,025
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$231,339
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$1,208
Collections/Overhead	\$12,000	\$382,632
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$167,657</b>	<b>\$7,307,774</b>

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