

Klamath National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Klamath River Program

The Klamath River was designated a Recreation River within the Wild and Scenic Rivers System in 1981. There is about 85 miles of river the Klamath National Forest manages including 24 River Access Points. Our staff implemented the following whitewater boating program activities with recreation fee dollars:

- Provided river safety and Leave No Trace information.
- Maintained river access sites and several riverside trails.
- Monitored outfitter and guide compliance - 23 whitewater outfitters and 10 fishing guide permits.
- Reduced visitor impacts to river beaches used as campsites.
- Conducted several river clean-ups and invasive weed removal days with volunteers from the local community.
- Posted signage, patrolled, and provided public contact to enforce river section closures for annual Karuk ceremonies.
- Pulled wrecked boats from the river, identified and reported an illegal cannabis grow, and suction dredge operation to law enforcement.



Klamath River clean-up



Staff pulling invasive weeds along the Klamath River at a community river clean-up and invasive weed removal day.

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.

Wilderness Patrol/Monitoring

Recreation fees funded wilderness patrol work in the Russian, Marbles, Trinity Alps, and Siskiyou Wildernesses.

Trash was picked up, Leave No Trace education provided to visitors, and outfitter/guide permit holders monitored.



Trash at Ukonom Lake

Recreation fee dollars were used to:

- pump vault toilets at campgrounds.
- purchase toilet paper.
- Purchase gas for staff vehicles used to maintain recreation sites.

Accomplishments in 2021 included:

- Routine maintenance and repairs at campgrounds.
- Repaired and improved water system infrastructure at Kangaroo Lake Campground.
- Temporary staff collaborated with district fire program to remove hazard trees and dead limbs at Tree of Heaven, Sarah Totten, and Curly Jack Campgrounds and pruned low hanging limbs at Sarah Totten Campground.
- Replaced kiosk roof and repaired railing at Sulphur Springs Campground.
- Purchased Wild and Scenic River interpretive panel for Salmon River (to be installed in 2022).



Klamath Wild and Scenic River

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Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$100,314	\$8,921,596
Special Uses	\$13,334	\$977,102
Interagency Passes	\$320	\$102,752
Total	\$113,968	\$10,001,450
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$95,595	\$3,499,145
Visitor Services	\$0	\$2,921,425
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$272,025
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$231,339
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$1,208
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$382,632
Total	\$95,595	\$7,307,774

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