

San Bernardino National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Recreation Fees and OHVs - Maintaining and Monitoring



Baldy Mesa OHV Staging area

Recreation fee dollars were essential in maintaining and monitoring Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) areas across the forest. With the growing popularity of OHV motorsports, the forest continues to see an influx of OHV enthusiasts. Recreation fee dollars supported the maintenance, cleanliness, and monitoring of staging areas and OHV sites. Fees allocated towards the OHV program were used to repair popular OHV trails and staging areas, maintain signage, fencing posts, trail repairs, trail clean ups, restroom maintenance, and asphalt culvert repairs at developed parking areas.

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.

Public Safety First

With the arrival of winter storms, areas across the forest were inundated with hazard trees that posed threats to public safety in popular recreation areas. tree removal to ensure the safety of visitors.



Members of the Urban Conservation Corps removing a hazard tree at Applewhite Day Use Area

Recreation fee dollars were allocated across all districts to hire additional staffing to help maintain damaged areas as well as monitor and provide a field presence throughout the forest. Recreation staff worked closely with partnering organizations throughout surrounding communities to alleviate the dangers and risks associated with hazard as well as upkeep and maintain the most frequently used areas by visitors. Hazard trees were removed at Applewhite Campground and picnic area, Humber park trailhead and Heaps Peak Arboretum, and Discovery Center.

Keeping our Forest Clean

Recreation fees were essential in the organization of clean-ups and graffiti removal throughout the forest. Areas that are popular to visitors were given extra attention in the removal of trash and unsightly graffiti.

With 60 Volunteer Project Days the forest removed 45 tons of trash and covered 300 square feet of graffiti removal.



Volunteers at Bonita Falls cleaning graffiti



Mormon Rocks located on the Front Country Ranger District features sandstone rock formations that provide habitat for a variety of fauna as well as a fun hike for visitors

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Other Accomplishments

- Toilet pumping at recreation fee sites including pumping 28,000 gallons across the Front Country Ranger District and 26,000 gallons across the San Jacinto Ranger District.
- Hired additional permanent to maintain recreation areas and visitor services.
- Various public outreach and interpretive programs at the Discovery Center, Idyllwild, Mill Creek, and Barton Flats Visitor Centers.
- Continuous graffiti and trash removal.
- Graffiti removal of over 100 square feet at Lake Hemet.

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$565,824	\$8,921,596
Special Uses	\$85,543	\$977,102
Interagency Passes	\$10,892	\$102,752
Total	\$662,259	\$10,001,450
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$501,241	\$3,499,145
Visitor Services	\$339,996	\$2,921,425
Law Enforcement	\$19,162	\$272,025
Habitat Restoration	\$119,049	\$231,339
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$1,208
Collections/Overhead	\$50,000	\$382,632
Total	\$1,029,448	\$7,307,774

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