

Prescott National Forest Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Over the Hill at Lynx Lake



A group of volunteers called the "Over the Hill Gang" helped fix a safety issue on Trail 311, a popular trail around Lynx Lake. The trail is popular with hikers, bikers and fishermen. Trail work around the lake is being completed by volunteers, ACE and other collaborative efforts. The project did not use recreation fee dollars but supports the effort to supply quality recreation experiences at the Lynx Lake Recreation Area, which has multiple REA sites.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Historic Station Available to Rent

Built in 1875, Palace Station was used as a stage coach stop for Prescott and Phoenix Stage Line on its way between Prescott and Peck Mine. The forest partnered with HistoriCorps to rehabilitate Palace Station to include re-roofing, replacing the stove pipe, and refinishing the windows, doors, decking, and siding.

HistoriCorps also helped to restore the historic Mingus Ramada contributing over 320 hours for both projects. The ramada is located in the Mingus Mountain recreation area and offers access to hiking, horse riding, hang gliding, hunting and fishing.

The work for both sites is in preparation for offering the sites as rental opportunities.



Palace Station's original condition



Palace Station's new roof and restored siding



Other Accomplishments

Special Recreation Permits

- Issued over 12 reoccurring recreation event permits, converting four long standing permits to 5 year permits. Major events included the 39thAnnual Whiskey Row Marathon, Epic Rides 9th Whiskey Off-Road Mountain Bike Event, and the Annual Verde River Runoff.
- Completed the Outfitter and Guides Needs Assessment and Visitor Capacity Analysis.

Developed Recreation

- Repaired eroded trail segments and stabilized the trails through the placement and reconstruction of block walls along Lynx Lake.
- Repaired a composter at Potato Patch Campground.
- Repaired toilet facilities at White Spar and Upper Wolf Creek campgrounds.
- Purchased and installed visitor information signs along the Verde River Corridor.

Volunteer and Partners

- Supported 42 volunteer hosts who contributed over 22,370 hours
- Partnered with Verde Front River Recreation Group to install interpretive signs for Verde River access points.
- Partnered with the Backcountry Horsemen of Central Arizona who supported youth crews and contributed 901 hours for forest-wide projects.
- Worked with Yavapai County Restitution crews who gave 740 hours towards maintenance work.
- Supported volunteers, who gave over 10,000 hours, on trail work.

A day on Lynx Lake, Prescott AZ

Regional Map



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NEW MEXICO

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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$638,897	\$6,552,876
Special Uses	\$28,082	\$1,553,685
Interagency Passes	\$74,510	\$768,698
Total	\$741,489	\$8,875,259
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$274,272	\$2,896,298
Visitor Services	\$362,321	\$3,182,074
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$289,174
Habitat Restoration	\$1,414	\$246,845
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$301,842
Collections/Overhead	\$83,236	\$1,015,914
Total	\$721,243	\$7,932,147

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