

# Prescott National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

### Mingus's Battle Continues

Mingus Mountain Campground has been in a continuous 'lightning storm' battle with nature and has been losing ground, but made great strides in 2018. A lightning impact specialist refurbished the electrical and repaired the water systems to withstand direct hits. The campground now has water through a water hauling service, but electrical work is still needed. Future improvements and conversion to the reservation system will occur in 2019. Recreation fee funds contributed about \$105,000 while appropriations contributed \$62,000 to this work.

Mingus camp site



### All Aboard at Stage Stop

The Forest worked with the Yavapai County Education Service Agency, AmeriCorps and the Youth Conservation Corps to improve Palace Station, a historic stage coach stop. Putting in over 320 hours, the crews removed over 6,000 pounds of debris, metal and trash from the site. Amounting to about \$50,000 of work, this clean-up effort helped prepare Palace Station to become a cabin rental.

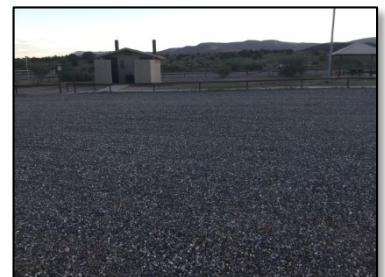
Some of the debris now gone at Palace Station



### Mud to Gravel

A little rain and a lot of clay kept many visitors from using the Hayfield Draw OHV parking lot during the off-roading season. To fix this, the forest spent about \$10,000 of recreation fee funds to excavate a large section of the lot, fill it with 30 tons of leach rock, then top it with 600 tons of gravel. Now the fun can begin.

New surface at Hayfield Draw parking area allows for full access during OHV season.



### 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.

## Other Accomplishments

- Refurbished Potato Patch Campground with the help of 200 volunteer host hours. This included new road signs, boundary markers, and barricade posts. Picnic tables and asphalt were repaired and restrooms repainted. - \$2,900
- Completed erosion control work and installed an accessible hydrant at Groom Creek Horse Camp-\$16,000
- Completed Hilltop Campground erosion control-\$8,000
- Installed a rain catchment system at Alto Pit greatly decreasing the need to haul cleaning water.
- Replaced building doors and frames at White Spar and Upper Wolf campgrounds -\$12,000



*Lynx Lake*

### Special Recreation Permits

- Issued 11 recurring recreation event permits including the 40th Annual Whiskey Row Marathon, Epic Rides 10th Whiskey Off-Road Mountain Bike Event and the Annual Verde River Run-off.
- Administered 4 commercial permits, 9 outfitter and guide permits, and 4 group-use permits.



*Arizona Backcountry Horsemen do work to control erosion at Groom Creek Horse Camp*

## Regional Map



**ARIZONA**

**NEW MEXICO**

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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$700,784	\$6,921,572
Special Uses	\$24,730	\$1,507,341
Interagency Passes	\$62,589	\$619,831
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$788,103</b>	<b>\$9,048,744</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$327,259	\$2,767,526
Visitor Services	\$404,052	\$3,023,744
Law Enforcement	\$2,600	\$367,378
Habitat Restoration	\$1,701	\$227,854
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$402,113
Collections/Overhead	\$10,825	\$1,151,431
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$746,437</b>	<b>\$7,940,047</b>

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