



# National Forests in Florida

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

### Youth Create Plant Signs



*Plant identification signage for a trail at Ocean Pond Campground.*

The Youth Conservation Corp, a program designed to help teenagers gain summer employment with the Forest Service, researched and developed a signage plan for a plant identification trail at Ocean Pond Campground. The forest used about \$10,000 of Recreation Fee funds to improve the trail.

### A Covered Dining Experience

The Doe Lake Group Campground is one of the most popular group areas for the forest. Hunters, campers, equestrian groups and other visitors use the campground's spacious dining hall for general gatherings, weddings and meetings. The forest used \$40,000 of recreation fee dollars to replace the roof which should last for many years.



*Doe Lake Group Campground dining hall after roof repair*

### Bathroom Renovations



Silver Lake Campground is often used by off-highway enthusiasts. Recreation fee funds of \$60,000 were used to renovate the Silver Lake bathhouse, which included mold remediation, interior painting, ventilation and lighting improvements, new access to the attic and insulation replacement. These changes were made to provide the facility a safe and pleasurable experience for all visitors, near and afar.

### 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

- Repaired Ocean Pond Campground water system line for approximately \$7,000. Also replaced sign posts.
- Replaced information board , panels at the kiosk, broken fencing, fishing dock boards and handrails at Olustee Beach.
- Repaired Group Landing roof after storm.
- Installed three double bear garbage cans at Hog Pen Landings.
- Purchased new life preserver ring and buoys for swim areas, refurbished benches and picnic tables, and replaced a large shelter grills at Silver Lake and Camel Lake Beaches.
- Replaced a large shelter grills and received five repaired electrical panels at Camel Lake Campground.



*Lake George, Ocala National Forest*

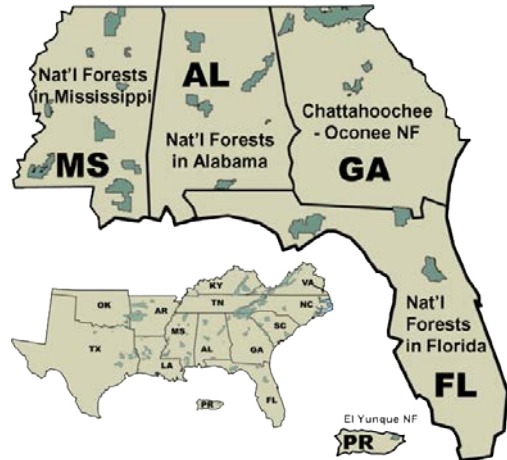


*Ocean Pond Campground water system line repair.*



*New information board.*

## Regional Map



## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$468,032	\$7,790,073
Special Uses	\$4,810	\$1,704,464
Interagency Passes	\$94,425	\$528,471
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$567,267</b>	<b>\$10,023,008</b>

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$156,300	\$4,625,554
Visitor Services	\$1,814	\$1,400,284
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$180,257
Habitat Restoration	\$289,997	\$304,256
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$55,183
Collections/Overhead	\$119,673	\$1,272,180
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$567,784</b>	<b>\$7,837,714</b>

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