

Prescott National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

Mingus Mountain Makeover



Mingus Mountain Campground Group Site

The forest used recreation fee dollars at a new accessible picnic site Mingus Picnic Area. Crews disposed of damaged concrete picnic tables and grills, conducted site grading and built concrete sidewalks.

At Mingus Campground, crews converted an overflow tent area to a group site by replacing an old pit toilet with an accessible double-vault toilet, built side walk to a new parking area, installed accessible grills and picnic tables, and laid an aggregate surface in the group gathering, driveway and 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.



Palace Station

Palace Station supported mining in the Bradshaw Mountains and travel between Prescott and Phoenix from the 1870's to 1910. Since coming under Forest Service stewardship in 1915, it has been a fire station, a ranger station, a staff residence and a summer home for volunteers who protected and maintained the structure. In 2017, the forest began updating the cabin for recreation rental, using Historicorps, Yavapai Youth Conservation Corps and fire crews. In 2019, the forest supplemented \$44,667 of the annual forest budget with \$59,850 in recreation fee funds to remove an inoperable pit toilet, hand-dug well and water system before installing a solar-powered vault toilet and shower building. Crews also installed a drainage line to the septic leach field and upgraded the cabin's electrical system for solar while leaving the propane stove, refrigerator and lights for backup. The final interior work will be completed by forest staff and volunteers. Palace Station is expected to become part of the Rooms with View Cabin Rental program in the near future.

Palace Station is located on the Bradshaw Ranger District which offers relief from the desert below with elevations reaching nearly 8,000 feet.



Exterior of Palace Station after construction

Other Accomplishments

- Processed, administered and monitored 13 recreation events, 27 outfitter and guides special use permits while responding to 200 proposals and inquires for permits and events.
- Invested \$4,235 in recreation fee dollars for signage at Mingus Campground, Lynx Lake Recreation Area facilities, Thumb Butte Day-Use Area, Copper Mountain and Granite Mountain Wilderness kiosks.
- Completed a challenge cost-share agreement with the town of Camp Verde, Arizona to complete design packages and other collaboration on future Verde River recreation sites and planning efforts. These project improvements will accommodate increasing private and commercial boaters, fisherman and other river users and will also aid in controlling illegal activities such as off-roading.



Granite Basin Lake located in Granite Basin Recreation Area in Prescott, Arizona

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$634,795	\$7,113,499
Special Uses	\$24,909	\$1,759,800
Interagency Passes	\$63,920	\$672,500
Total	\$723,624	\$9,545,799

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$301,622	\$2,824,102
Visitor Services	\$291,945	\$2,993,562
Law Enforcement	\$2,396	\$355,553
Habitat Restoration	\$1,567	\$226,670
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$293,694
Collections/Overhead	\$940	\$1,000,600
Total	\$598,470	\$7,694,181

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