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Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

South Yuba Trail Enhancements



Installation of Purdon Crossing Kiosk

In 2021 \$36,000 of FLREA revenue was spent on improving visitor signage and improving the water system at the S. Yuba campground within the S. Yuba SRMA. The campground's aging water system had developed a significant leak found and repaired. The fix noticeably reduced water use. The staff updated signage along the S. Yuba National Trail to highlight supplemental rules to mitigate adverse impacts to other visitors, private property owners, and the public lands.

New Trail Construction



First Cut Sky Ridge Trail

Cronan Ranch offers stunning views of the snow-covered peaked mountains of the Sierra Nevada and the Coloma Valley, where gold was discovered. A high ridge had no sustainable trail from the top to existing trails between Magnolia Ranch to Cronan Ranch. This new trail links these parcels and will stop user trails to the top. This new trail, named the Sky Ridge Trail, is now a regular destination for many people, rewarded with a bench to rest on and enjoy the view from the top.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

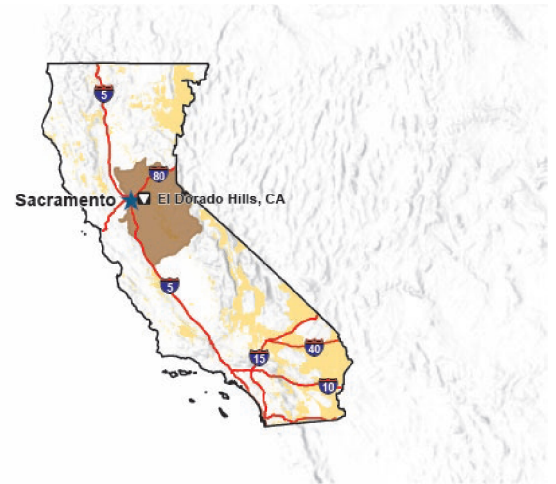
They support and enhance:

- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety.
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs.
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography.
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation.
- Direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program.

Other Accomplishments

- Maintained four campgrounds, three heavily used adjacent to Yosemite National Park.
- Monitored W&S rivers and FERC license agreements.
- Participated in river clean-ups and patrolled trails and rivers.
- Continued to participate in the Yuba River Safety Cohort, which is made up of Nevada County Supervisors and staff, local and regional fire protection districts, law enforcement, state and federal agencies, local NGOs, and community representatives.
- Started an educational bandana program with a map of the S. Yuba area and specific regulations for use in the canyon. Expanded parking at Cronan Ranch trailhead.

Vicinity Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

FY21 Revenue

Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$36,075.13
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$57,387.99
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$1,065.00
Interagency Passes	\$580.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY21	\$95,108.12

FY21 Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$41,755.82
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$2,146.85
Collections/Overhead	\$4,365.46
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY21	\$48,268.13



Planned Activities



Monitoring W&S Tuolumne River

- Continue to monitor river use which is a primary annual responsibility.
- Add kiosks and signage within the South Yuba Recreation Area to execute planning efforts to educate users and help with management objectives.
- Update the business plans for the campgrounds on the Merced River and the S. Yuba Rec. An area that will identify the need for a fee increase and help add these campgrounds to the rec.gov reservation system.
- Update accessible bathrooms and address deferred maintenance.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$17,768.00
Visitor Services	\$4,300.00
Law Enforcement	\$25,000.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$4,000.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$51,068.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$34,206.10
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$84,780.00

Connecting with Communities

Staff participated in the 24th annual Yuba River Cleanup in 2021. This yearly clean-up effort organized by the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) coincides with the California Coastal Cleanup Day. State Parks, the USFS, and individual participants from all walks of life come to pick up trash or remove invasive plants at locations along 90 miles of streams and rivers in Nevada County. There was the removal of English Ivy, trash from illegal dumpsites, and litter from recreation areas. The clean-up effort promotes river safety and etiquette to all river-goers. It connects people with agency staff, the public lands, and a community that all care about the stewardship of public lands and clean waterways. Before 2020 people would gather afterward for a picnic with live music, food, and booths that promote healthy lifestyles, recycling, and education about different restoration efforts like restoring spawning habitat on the Yuba River or cleaning up legacy mining waste. The BLM has been participating and identifying locations on the public lands that can benefit from this event since it was started. Ongoing participation in the Yuba River Safety Cohort made up of Nevada County Supervisors and staff, local and regional fire protection districts, law enforcement, state and federal agencies, local NGOs, and community representatives to discuss public safety issues around the river, such as parking, access, fire prevention, visitor education, and stewardship.

