

# **Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument**

# **2008 Recreation Report to the Public**

**Forest Recreation Program  
And  
Recreation Enhancement Act**

# Overview

1. Revenue & Expenditures-Forest Wide
2. Breakdown by District (Revenue & Expenditures)

# **The Public**

**Visitors,  
Communities, and  
Other Stakeholders**

# Public Needs and Expectations

- Existing facilities, amenities and services maintained to standard,
- Improved and expanded facilities and amenities,
- Increased presence on the ground,
- More visitor information,
- Quality settings...less trash and clean water

# Funding Sources

- Appropriated funds - Congress
- Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)
- Volunteers, Partnerships
- Grants

*REA is Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act*

# Appropriated Dollars

Appropriated Funds in Recreation are divided out:

- Forest Supervisors Office,
- Hume Lake District
- Western Divide District
- Kern River District
- Grants and Agreements, Contracting
- Earmarks

# Appropriated Dollars

## Recreation Budget Line Items

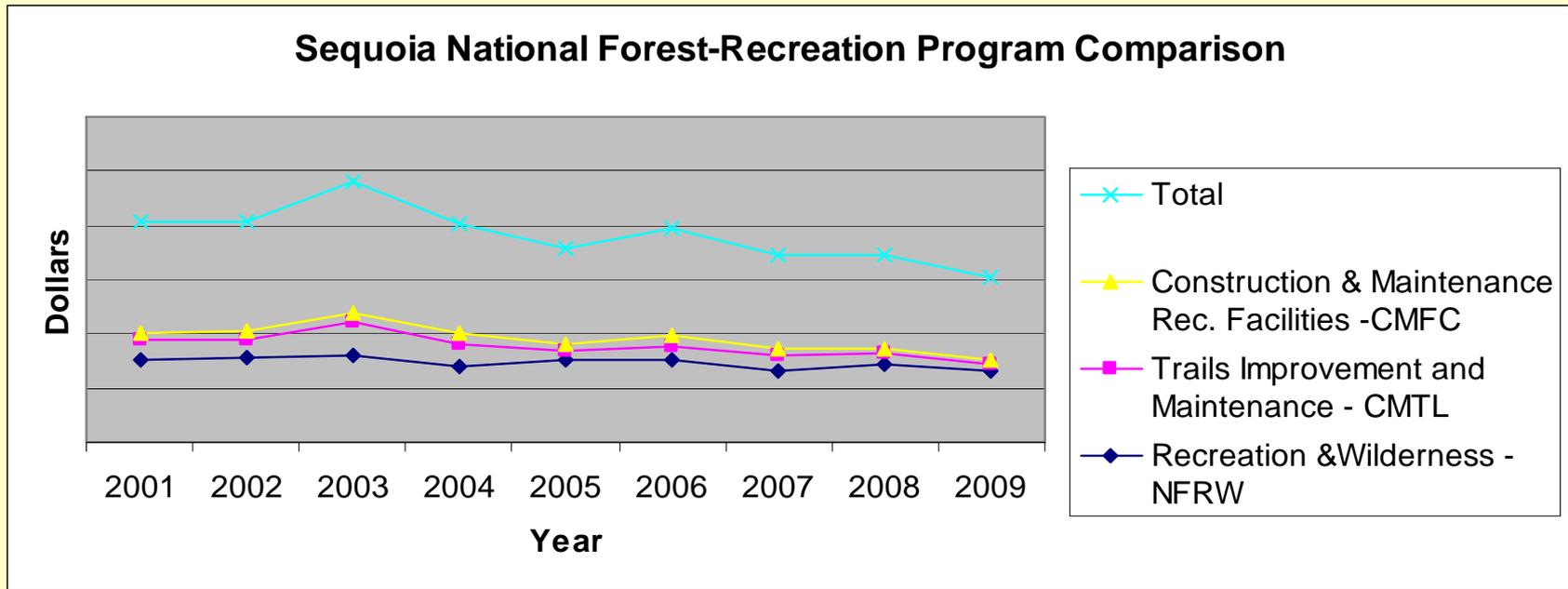
- Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness (NFRW )
- Recreation Facilities Maintenance (CMFC)
- Construction & Maintenance of Trails (CMTL)

# Appropriated Dollars

- 2008 dollars are final
- Dollars for 2009 are preliminary
- Accounting - Fiscal Year (beginning in Oct. 1 and ending September 30 the following year)
- Funds can be spent anywhere on the Sequoia National Forest

# Appropriated Funds for Recreation

Appropriated dollars for recreation have decreased significantly over the last nine years.



	2008 NFRW	2008 CMFC	<b>2008 Total</b>	2009 NFRW (prelim)	2009 CMFC (prelim)	<b>2009 Total (prelim)</b>
<b>Forest Total</b>	\$1,437,000	\$96,000	<b>\$1,533,000</b>	\$1,320,000	\$98,000	<b>\$1,418,000</b>
<b>Kern River</b>	\$528,415	\$38,000	<b>\$566,415</b>	\$429,934	\$40,000	<b>\$469,934</b>
<b>Western Divide</b>	\$222,000	\$22,000	<b>\$244,000</b>	\$170,000	\$22,000	<b>\$192,000</b>
<b>Hume Lake</b>	\$250,000	\$18,000	<b>\$268,000</b>	\$200,000	\$18,000	<b>\$218,000</b>
<b>*SO- Recreation, Adm. Resources, Engineering</b>	\$309,082	\$18,000	<b>\$327,082</b>	\$407,474	\$18,000	<b>\$425,474</b>
<b>Travel Management</b>	\$45,000	\$0	<b>\$45,000</b>	\$50,000	\$0	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Contracting/ Grants/ Agreements</b>	\$52,230	\$0	<b>\$52,230</b>	\$62,592	\$0	<b>\$62,592</b>
<b>FY07-Deficit Payback</b>	\$30,273	\$0	<b>\$30,273</b>	-	-	-

Appropriated Funds for 2008 and 2009 – Recreation/Heritage/ Wilderness (NFRW) and Recreation Facilities Maintenance (CMFC) –This slide contains totals

# Appropriated Funds Decrease

Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness (NFRW) and Recreation Facilities Maintenance (CMFC)

Recreation Funds Decrease from 2008-2009		
UNIT	Dollars	Percent
<b>Forest-wide</b>	-\$115,000	8% ↓
<b>*SO</b>	+\$98,392	30% ↑
<b>Kern River</b>	-\$96,481	17% ↓
<b>Western Divide</b>	-\$52,000	21% ↓
<b>Hume Lake</b>	-\$50,000	19% ↓

**\*SO-Recreation, Adm. Resources, Engineering only**

*\* Forest Supervisor's Office*

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# **Forest Supervisor's Office Budget**

**(Program Management and  
Project Support)**

# **Appropriated Funds**

## **Forest Supervisor's Office**

Program Management and Project support

- Partially funds salaries for specialists and program services shared by the districts

# Appropriated Dollar Expenditures Forest Supervisor's Office

## Budget – Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness - NFRW

Year	2008	2009
<b>Recreation Shop Only</b>	\$198,233	\$326,779
Salaries	\$182,685 (partially fund 4 employees)	\$235,975 (partially fund 5 employees)
Fleet	\$5,548 (fund use of 1 vehicle)	\$5,804 (fund use of 1 vehicle)
Materials Supplies (general)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Project-Employee Transfer Expenses	\$2,500	\$80,000
Project–Employee Transfer Training	\$2,500	\$0

# Appropriated Dollar Expenditures Forest Supervisor's Office

## Budget – Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness - NFRW

Planned Costs by Activities	2008	2009
Special Uses Administration	\$15,000	\$15,000
Manage Heritage Resources	\$55,000	\$175,000
Wilderness/Wild and Scenic Rivers	\$10,000	\$10,000
Recreation Operations	\$113,874	\$126,779

# Appropriated Dollar Expenditures

## Forest Supervisor's Office

### Budget -Recreation Facilities Maintenance- CMFC

Year	2008	2009
Engineering Shop only	\$18,000	\$18,000
Salaries	\$13,334 (partially fund 5 employees)	\$16,012 (partially fund 3 employees)
Fleet	\$1,016 (fund use of 2 vehicles)	\$488 (fund use of 3 vehicles)
Materials Supplies (Water sampling permits, per diem, training, subscription, fees)	\$3,650 (100% program costs)	\$1,500 (91% of the program costs)
Planned Costs by Activities		
100% used for water sampling and testing contract and contract administration 16		

# **Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) FEE Funds**

# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) FEE Funds

- 95 % of Recreation Fees from developed sites and special uses managed by the Forest Service
- 80% of the fees collected from the sales of Interagency Passes
- These funds can only be used in areas where fees are collected

# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Forest Service Managed Sites

- Kern Plateau (4 campgrounds)
- Lower Peppermint Campground
- Camp 9
- Lake Isabella HIRA
- Camp 4 ½ Cabin, Big Meadow Cabin, Oak Flat Lookout (3 overnight rental)

# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Forest Service Managed Programs

- Special Use Permits (includes outfitter/guides and special rec. events)
- Forks of the Kern Drawing
- Interagency Pass Sales

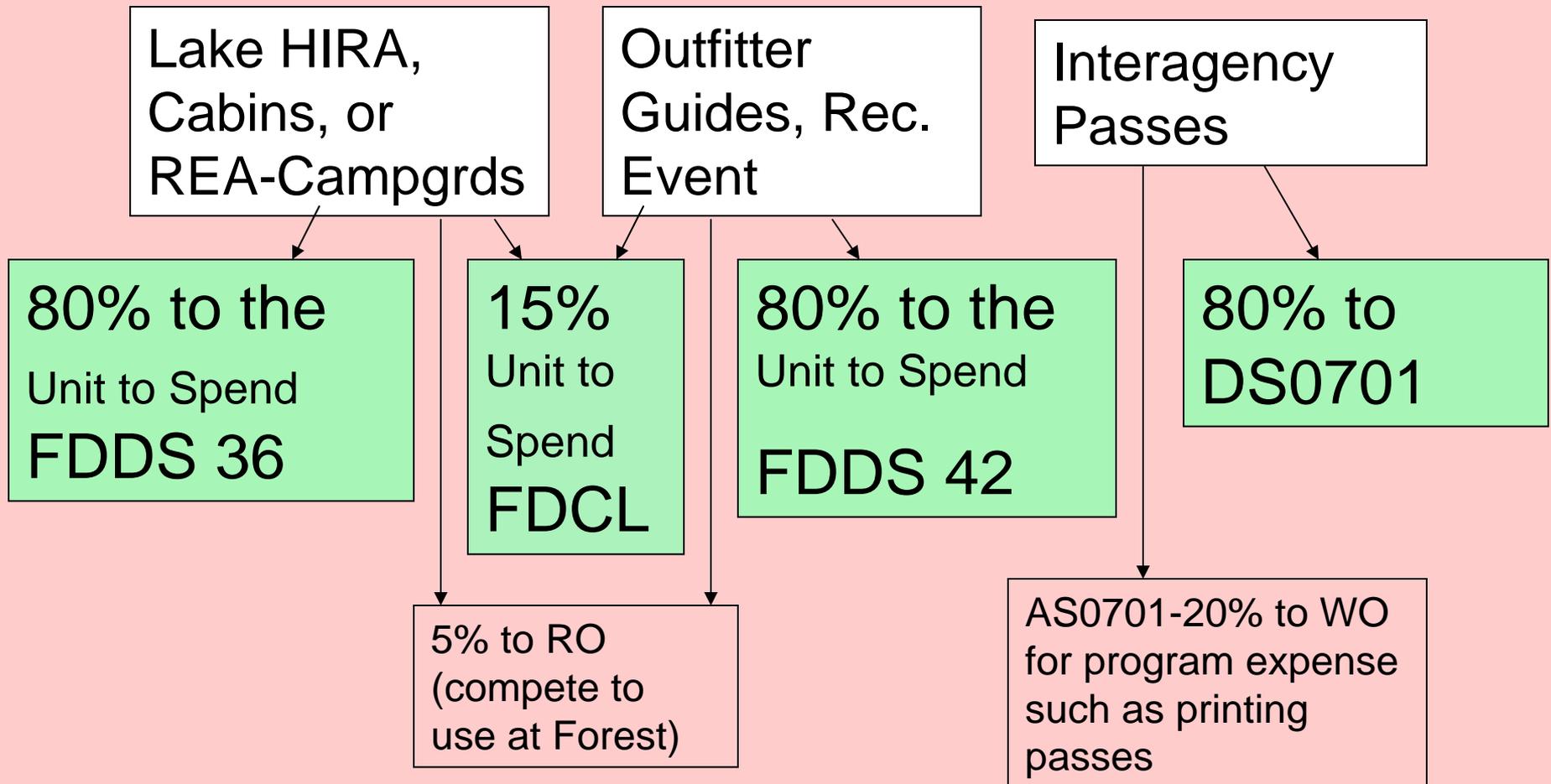
# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## How Fees are Deposited

- FDDS36 – 80% - recreation facilities managed under REA - Forest
- FDDS42 – 80 %-Recreation Special Uses & Recreation Events- Forest
- FDCL- 15% from the 2 above FDDS fees - Forest
- FDAS – 5% of the 2 above FDDS fees - Regional Office
- DS07 - 80% of Interagency Pass sales - Forest
- AS07 - 20% of Interagency Pass sales - National Office

# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## How Fees are Deposited



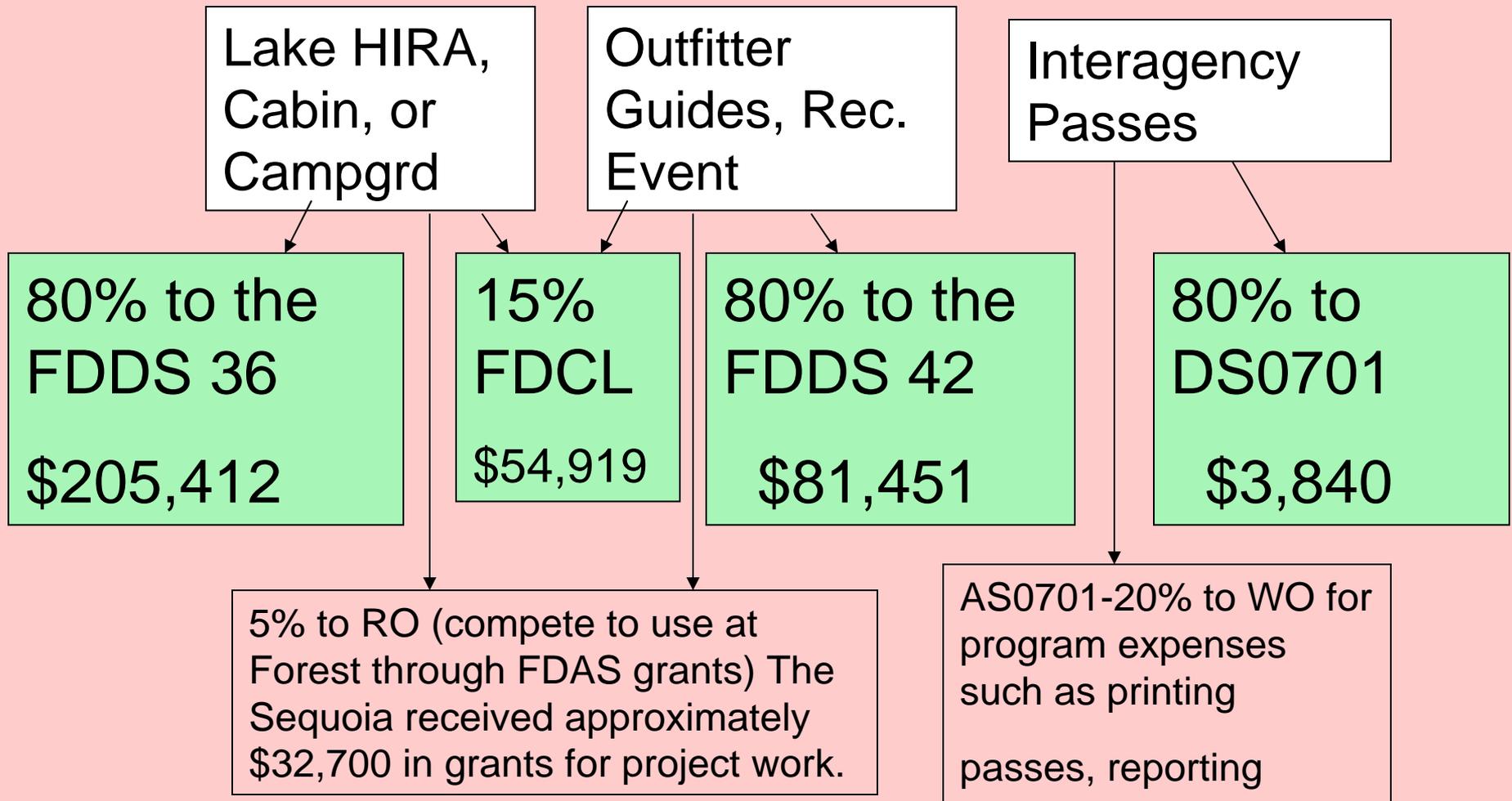
# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Deposits for 2008 Retained at the Forest

- Recreation Facilities 80%- FDDS36- \$205,412
- Special Uses/Rec. Events 80% - FDDS42 - \$81,451
- Costs of Collections 15% – FDCL – \$54,919
- Interagency Passes 80%– DS0701 – \$3,840

# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Deposits for 2008 Retained at the Forest



# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Expenditures for 2008 by Fund Code

Interagency Passes 80% DS0701	Special Uses Rec. Events 80% FDDS42	Rec. Fees 80% FDDS36	Fee Collection 15% FDCL
\$ 1,554	\$103,668	\$257,155	\$ 87,820

# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Expenditures for 2008 by Activity

- Visitor Services - \$110,556
- Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement - \$225,226
- Law Enforcement - \$26,594
- Capital to improve Costs of Collection- \$68,000
- Costs of Collections - \$19,820

Total Expenditures for REA funds =  
\$451,196

# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Annual Report and Data Bases Before December 2008

- Are NOT site specific
- Are NOT district specific
- Detailed questions must be researched at considerable expense
- Detailed answers involve people at multiple levels

# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Annual Report and Data Bases After December 2008

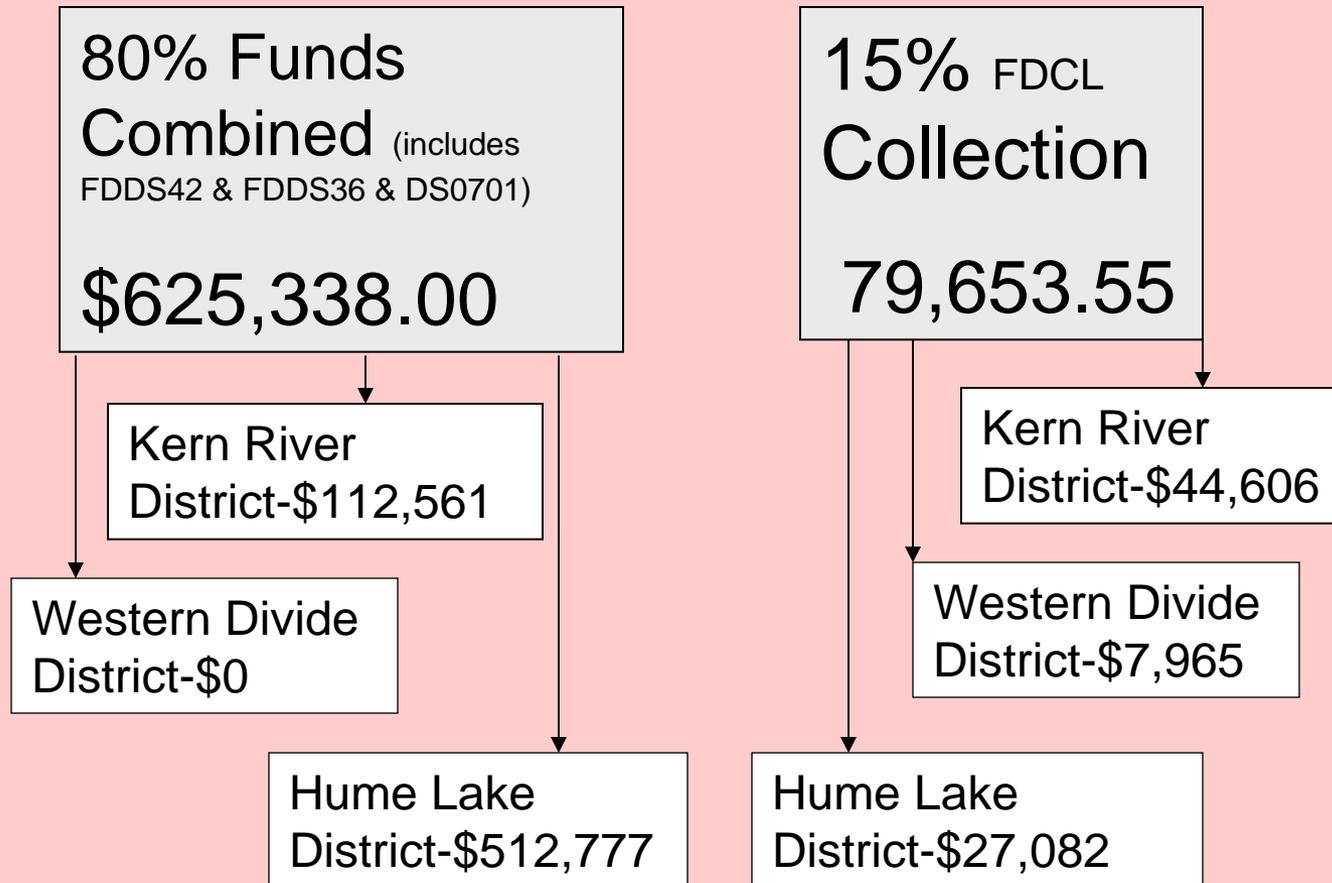
- Collection And Sales Handling System (CASH) was purchased
- Sequoia National Forest will pilot a new tool in 2009 to provided more detailed reports to the public on collections and expenditures-quarterly basis.

# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Question #1

- SO How Much Money does each district have to start 2009 with?

# REA Fee Cash Balance brought forward into FY 2009 Starting Oct. 1, 2008



# Recreation Enhancement Act (REA)

## Question #2

- “How is it that in 2005 the Kern River rafting companies paid a total of \$114,916.39 in recreation special use fees to the Sequoia National Forest, however for that year as reported to Congress by Sequoia officials- the amount deposited into the overall “Recreation Special Uses” fees account was only \$73,430.10?”

# Answer to Question 2

The good news is that the money is not “missing in action” but misinterpreted in this question.

- Calendar year versus fiscal year
- 100% Verses 80% of numbers that represent 2 very different accountings

# District Breakdown

# Kern River District



# Issues

- Concentrated use in areas around water
- Outdated and failing infrastructure at developed sites
- Budget shortfalls



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# Kern River Ranger District

## Appropriated Dollars **Expenditures**

### Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness Budget - NFRW

Year	2008	2009
Total	\$566,515	\$455,934
Salaries	\$252,808 (partially fund 12 employees)	\$255,020 (partially fund 12 employees)
Fleet	\$59,691 (fund use of 16 vehicles)	\$62,267 (fund use of 16 vehicles)
Materials Supplies	\$97,628	\$86,647

# Kern River Ranger District

## Appropriated Dollars Expenditures

### Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness Budget - NFRW

Planned Costs by Activities	2008	2009
Recreation Operations	\$344,138	\$266,606
Special Uses Admin. (2 employees)	\$107,238	\$108,615
Wilderness (1 wilderness ranger)	\$17,480	\$15,809
Trails (4 OHV trail crew)	\$65,955	\$64,878
Heritage Program	\$31,705	\$26,000

# Kern River Ranger District

## Appropriated Dollars Expenditures

### Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness Budget - NFRW

Details	2008	2009
Toilet Pumping	\$25,000	\$26,000
Trash Pickup	\$34,000	\$34,000
Materials and Supplies	\$13,409	\$19,752
Water quality services	\$5,560	\$5,560
Utilities	\$5,750	\$6,895

# Kern River District

# Appropriated Dollars Expenditures

## Recreation Facilities Maintenance– CMFC- Budget

Year	2008	2009
Total for Unit	\$38,000	\$40,000
Salaries (Partially fund 4 employees)	\$20,840	\$21,892
Fleet (Fund use of 5 vehicles)	\$11,295	\$10,478
Materials/Supplies (graffiti removal, misc. cleaning and project supplies)	\$5,865	\$7,630
Detail (taken from Materials/Supplies)		
Water quality services	\$2,420	\$3,000

# Kern River District: Volunteers, Partnerships and Grants

- OHV Grants
- Backcountry Horsemen of California
- Volunteer River Clean Up Events
- Boy Scout Construction Projects
- South Fork Middle School Stewards
- High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew
- Stewards of the Sequoia
- Friends of Cyrus Canyon

# **Kern River District Recreation Enhancement Act Total Revenue from Fees 2008**

- Lake Isabella HIRA- \$31,000
- Camp 9- \$36,600
- Oak Flat- \$6,700
- Plateau Campgrounds- \$25,600
- Special Uses- \$92,000
- Forks Drawing- \$46 (\$2)
- Total deposited into all codes = \$191,900

Note: These totals are not divided by fund codes.  
They are total \$'s taken in.

# Kern River District Recreation Enhancement Act

## REA Expenditures from Fees 2008

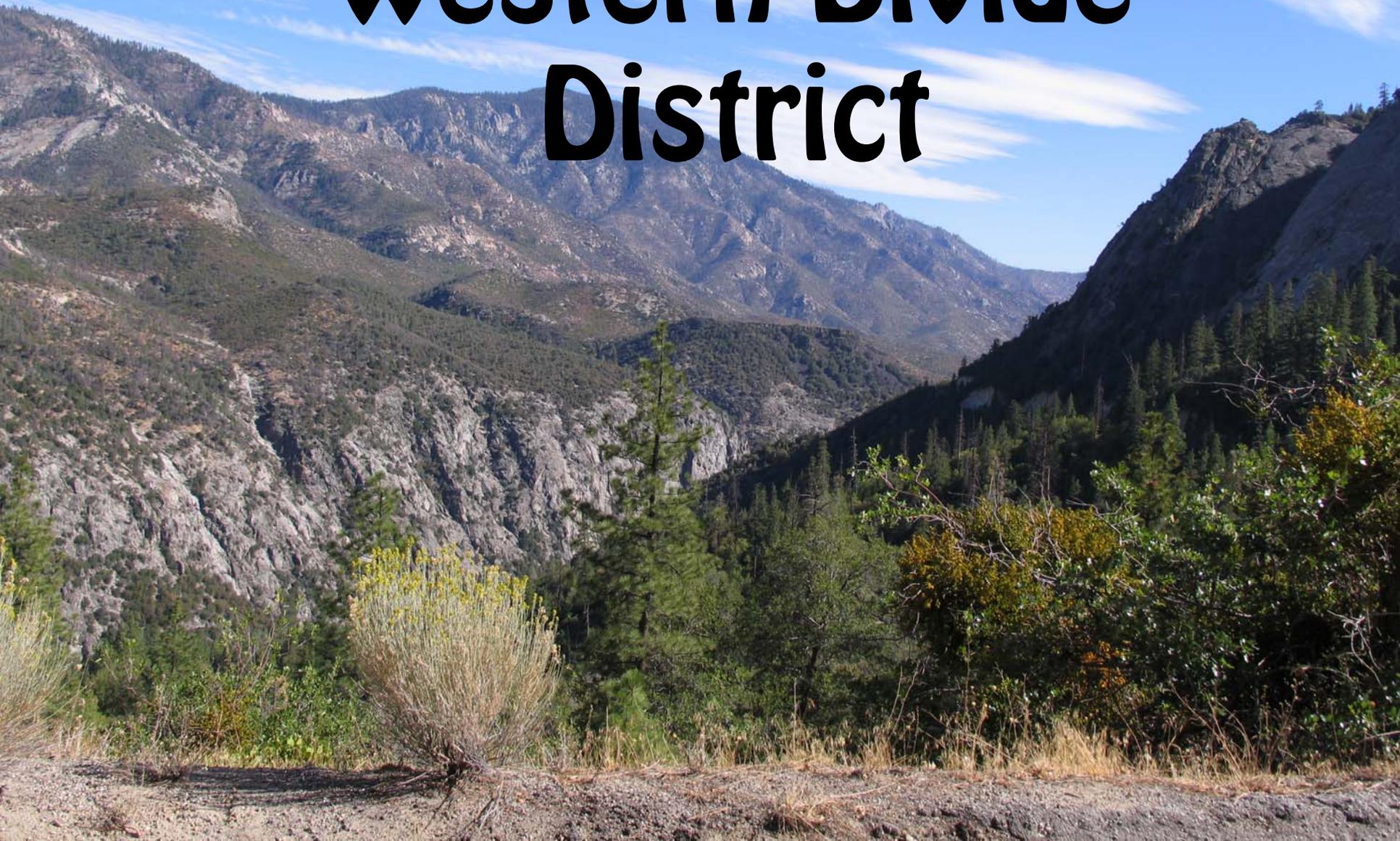
- Water bills \$10,400
- Toilet Pumping \$40,200
- Salaries- \$108,000
- Trash Pickup \$5,800
- Vehicle Costs \$32,400
- Electricity (Camp 9) \$1,600
- Supplies/Services \$7,800
- Collection and Sales Handling (CASH) \$24,200-one time expense
- Printing \$43,050 (4-year supply)

# **Kern River District Recreation Enhancement Act**

## **Salaries from Fees 2008**

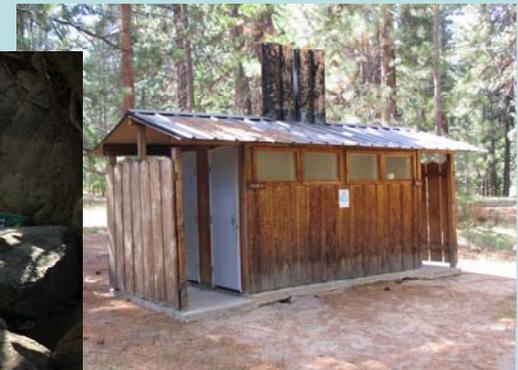
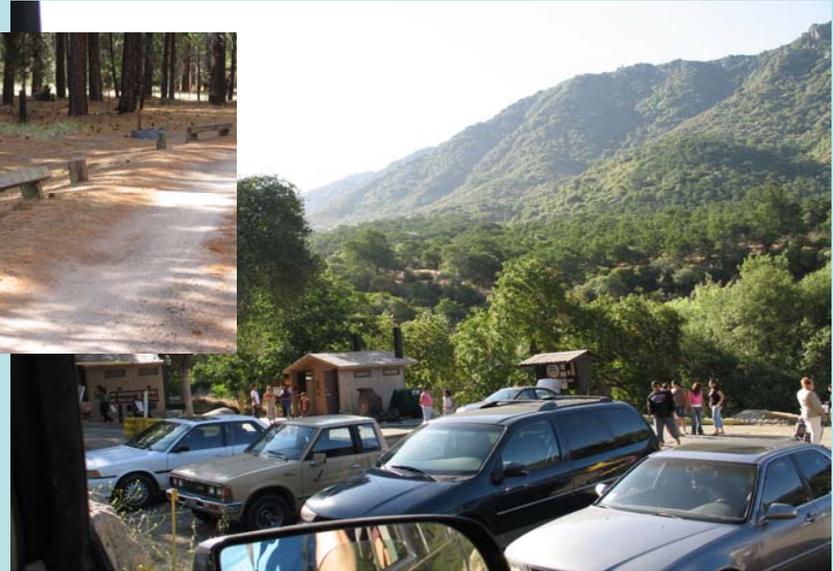
- 2 - River Rangers for the Kern River,
- 6 - Recreation Technicians with fee compliance responsibilities and maintenance responsibilities

# Western Divide District



# Issues

- Concentrated use in areas around Tule River, Western Divide Hwy, and Lloyd Road
- Expand opportunities for the Public to enjoy giant sequoia trees and other objects of interest
- Outdated and failing infrastructure at developed sites
- Budget shortfalls



# Western Divide District Appropriated Dollars Expenditures

## Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness Budget-NFRW

Year	2008	2009
Total for Unit	\$222,000	\$170,000
Salaries	\$145,670 (Partially fund 5 employees)	\$127,353 (*partially fund 10 employees)
Fleet	\$25,627 (Use of 6 vehicles)	\$11,606 (Use of 3 vehicles)
Materials, Contracts, Supplies	\$41,714	\$31,041
Heritage Program	\$8,989	\$13,408

# Western Divide District Appropriated Dollars Expenditures

## Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness Budget-NFRW

Planned Costs by Activities	2008	2009
Recreation Operations	\$217,000	\$108,800
Special Uses Administration	\$0	\$47,600
Wilderness	\$5,000	\$0
Heritage Program	\$8,980	\$13,600
Details from Material/ Supplies (not a total)	2008	2009
Toilet Service, Rent, Pumping	\$11,198	\$8,116
Trash Pickup contract	\$9,415	\$9,400

# Western Divide District

## Appropriated Dollars Expenditures

### Recreation Facilities Maintenance - CMFC

Year	2008	2009
Total for Unit	\$22,000	\$22,000
Salaries	\$6,548 (partially fund 3 employees)	\$11,133 (partially fund 2 employees)
Fleet	\$0	\$452
Materials/Supplies	\$15,452	\$10,415

Details	2008	2009
Water monitoring contract	\$3,500	\$3,361

# Western Divide District Recreation Enhancement Act

Fees Collected in 2008

- Lower Peppermint Campground FDDS36 - \$2,447
- Special Use Permits FDDS42 – \$1,528
- Total Collected - \$3,975

Note: These totals are not divided by fund codes.

**Western Divide District**  
**Recreation Enhancement Act**  
Fee Expenditures -2008

- FDDS 36 Salary (1 person) - \$4,638

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# Volunteers, Partnerships and Grants

- Partnership with Community Services Employment Training (CSET) and Wild Places for river cleanup program, youth programs, recycling and environmental education.
- Back Country Horsemen of California-Wilderness education
- High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew
- Sequoia Youth Partnership

# Hume Lake District



# Issues

- Concentrated use areas
- Expand opportunities for the public to enjoy giant sequoia trees and objects of interest in the Monument
- Outdated and failing infrastructure at developed sites
- Budget shortfalls
- Integrating National Forest experience with the National Parks

# Hume Lake District

## Appropriated Dollars Expenditures

### Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness Budget-NFRW

Year	2008	2009
Total for Unit	\$250,000	\$200,000
Salaries	\$200,222 (partially fund 16 employees)	\$173,304 (partially fund 13 employees)
Fleet	\$25,627 (fund use of 8 vehicles)	\$18,506 (fund use of 6 vehicles)
Materials Supplies	\$26,011	\$8,190

# Hume Lake District

## Appropriated Dollars Expenditures

### Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness Budget-NFRW

Details-	2008	2009
Toilet Pumping contract paid out of NFRW	\$4,400	\$1,100
Trash Pickup contract paid out of NFRW	0	0
Heritage Program-salaries and supplies	\$40,000	\$32,000
Special Use Administration	\$50,000	\$40,000
Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River	\$50,000	\$40,000
Recreation Operations	\$110,000	\$88,000

# Hume Lake District

## Appropriated Dollars Expenditures

### Recreation Facilities Maintenance -CMFC

Year	2008	2009
<b>Total for Unit</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$13,651</b> (partially fund 4 employees)	<b>\$10,689</b> (partially fund 4 employees)
<b>Fleet</b>	<b>\$3,151</b> (fund use of 2 vehicles)	<b>\$6,910</b> (fund use of 3 vehicles)
<b>Materials Supplies</b>	<b>\$1,198</b>	<b>\$401</b>

# Hume Lake District Recreation Enhancement Act

## Fees Collected 2008

- Recreation Fees (FDDS36 - 80% ) - \$116,915\*
- Special Uses (FDDS42 - 80%) – \$691
- Collections (FDCL-15%) - \$22,038
  
- Total - \$139,644

*\*FDDS36 includes deposits from the cost-share agreement with the Park Service, fees collected from the Hume Lake Christian Camp, and the 2 cabin rentals.*

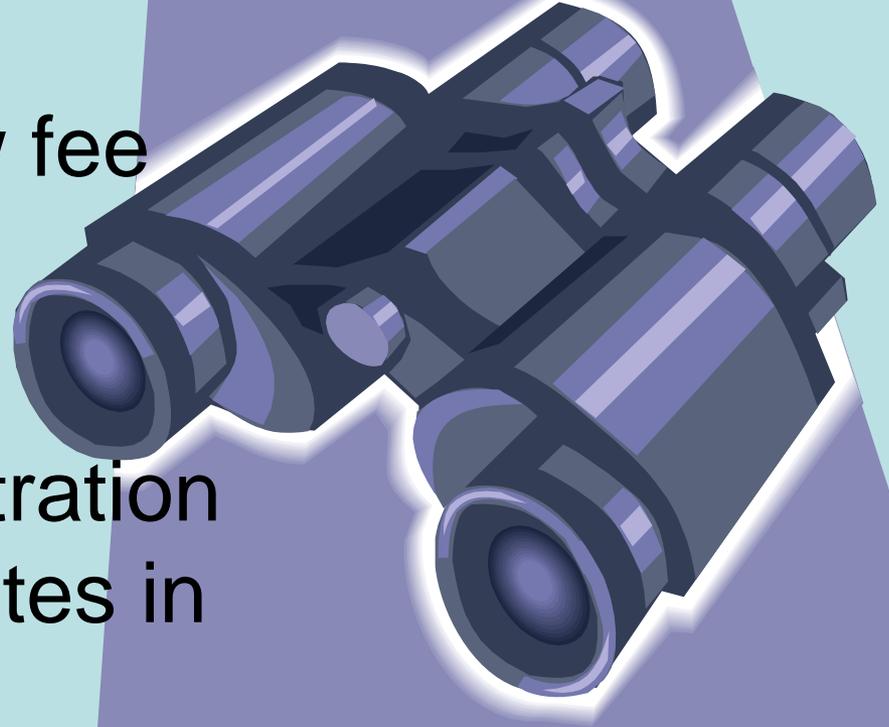
# Hume Lake District Expenditures from Fees 2008

Total Expenditures - \$178,315

- Water sampling- \$2,706
- Toilet Pumping- \$5,171
- Salaries - \$128,669
- Trash Pickup- \$3,216
- Vehicle Costs- \$9,231
- Student Interns- \$7,278
- Supplies/Services- \$22,044 (*includes contribution to NPS visitor publication*)

# Looking to the Future

- Communicating how fee dollars are spent
- Changes in administration of current day use sites in 2010
- Acquired facilities



# Improving Public Participation

- Annual public meeting to report expenditures and collections, and get public input on how to spend fees
- Quarterly report on collections and expenditures to be placed on the forest webpage
- Annual Brochure or information sheet
- Improve information stations at fees sites to include information on how fees have improved services and facilities
- Additional meetings to discuss recreation direction

# Group Discussion

1. Question: What reporting do you find effective? How would you improve the public communication process?
2. Question: What projects would you like to see funded? (existing or new) Generate a list of projects.