

**Q. What amenities were at the three Isabella sites prior to fees being charged (how many porta-potties, showers, permanent restrooms, boat launches, tables, trash dumpsters etc) and how many are there now?**

A: Amenities at Auxiliary Dam, Old Isabella Road, and South Fork Recreation Areas:

<b>Amenity</b>	<b>Pre-Fees (2001)</b>	<b>Seasonal Fees (2002-2005)</b>	<b>2006-2008</b>
<b>Portable Toilets*</b>			
Auxiliary Dam	7	18	10
Old Isabella Rd	2	6	1
South Fork	3	8	2
<b>Permanent Restrooms</b>			
Auxiliary Dam	3 – Flush	3 – Flush	3 – Flush
Old Isabella Rd	1 – Flush; 1 – Vault	1 – Flush; 1 – Vault	1 – Flush; 1 – Vault
South Fork	1 - Flush	1 - Flush	1 - Flush
<b>Showers</b>			
Auxiliary Dam	1 per gender	1 per gender	1 per gender
Old Isabella Rd	0	0	0
South Fork	0	0	0
<b>Dumpsters*</b>			
Auxiliary Dam	3	6	7
Old Isabella Rd.	1	2	2
South Fork	2	5	2
<b>Tables</b>			
Auxiliary Dam	0	0	0
Old Isabella Rd	0	0	0
South Fork	0	10	10
<b>Campfire Rings</b>			
Auxiliary Dam	0	0	0
Old Isabella Rd	0	0	0
South Fork	0	10	10
<b>Boat Launch</b>			
Auxiliary Dam	0	0	0
Old Isabella Rd	2	2	2
South Fork	1	1	1

\* Summer Months (May-September) only

**Q. What amenities are at non fee sites?**

**A. Amenities at non-fee sites at Lake Isabella:**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Amenity</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Season</b>
Kissack Cove	Vault Toilet	1	Year round
	Portable Toilet	1	May-Sept
	Dumpster	1	May-Sept
Paradise Cove Day-Use	Portable Toilet	2	May-Sept
	Dumpster	1	May-Sept
Hanning Flat	Portable Toilet	1	May-Sept
	Dumpster	1	May-Sept
Stine Cove	Vault Toilet	1	Year round
	Dumpster	1	May-Sept
Tillie Creek Day-Use	Portable Toilet	1	May-Sept
	Dumpster	1	May-Sept
Boulder Gulch Day-Use	Portable Toilet	2	Summer holidays during high lake levels
	Dumpster	1	Summer holidays during high lake levels
French Gulch Day-Use	Flush Toilet	1	Year round
French Gulch Marina	Portable Toilet	1	May-Sept
	Dumpster	1	May-Sept
Launch 19	Flush Toilet	1	Year round

These amenities have been provided to the public since the Forest Service began operating the recreation facilities at Isabella Lake. The vault toilets at Stine Cove, Kissack Cove, and Old Isabella Road were installed with a special Congressional dollars earmarked in 1998. The portable toilets and dumpster quantities and locations have fluctuated over the years due to funding.

Beginning in 2008 Auxiliary Dam Recreation has both the shower facilities and 1 dumpster available year round.

**Q: What number of employees, and job descriptions, worked on that district prior to fees and now looking at both off and on season?**

A. District Employees working directly in the Auxiliary Dam, Old Isabella Road, and South Fork Recreation Areas.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Patrol/Fee Collection</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Restroom &amp; Litter Cleaning</b>
Pre-Fees	None	1- Permanent, full time* + 2-seasonal (SCSEP) helpers	4-April-October (SCSEP) 3-October-March (SCSEP)
2002	3-temporary employees (April-Sept)	2-temporary employees (April-Sept)	4-April-October (SCSEP) 3-October-March (SCSEP)
2003	3-temporary employees (April-Sept)	2-temporary employees (April-Sept)	4-April-October (SCSEP) 3-October-March (SCSEP)
2004	3-temporary employees (April-Sept)	2-temporary employees (April-Sept)	4-April-October (SCSEP) 3-October-March (SCSEP)
2005	2-temporary employees (April-Sept)	2 SCSEP	4-April-October (SCSEP) 3-October-March (SCSEP)
2006	2 permanent employees Collected fees part time	1-temporary employee (April-Sept)	4-April-October (SCSEP) 3-October-March (SCSEP)
2007	2 permanent employees Collected fees part time	1-temporary employee (April-Sept)	4-April-October (SCSEP) 3-October-March (SCSEP)
2008	4-temporary employees	1-temporary employee	3-January-October(SCSEP) 2-October-Dec(SCSEP)

\* Permanent, full-time maintenance worker covered the entire Kern River Ranger District, not just the 3 HIRA sites at Lake Isabella.

**Q: On “Slide 42” you have water, toilet, salaries, trash , etc, then you also show the CASH purchase (24,200) and printing (43,050) costs which are more than 67,000 of the 273, 400 collected.**

A: The \$67,000 is rounded as are all of the numbers representing expenditures for 2008.

**Q: Does the CASH purchase (24,200) and printing (43,050) costs for 2008 exceed the 15 percent limit for admin spending in REA?**

A: No, the limit is not exceeded.

No more than 15% for costs associated with collections each year can be paid from funds generated from fees. This refers to the amount taken in that year and the annual operations costs of collections for that particular year.

The Sequoia National Forest has spent less than 15% out of their collection fund (FDCL) for the years prior to 2008, accumulating a positive balance. The one time costs of implementing the CASH Program and the start-up costs of development of the Southern Sierra Pass for the first time was spent from the balance brought forward from previous years justifying the expenditure.

**Q: What was the printing for? I notice it's a 4 year supply is that for passes?**

A: Yes, the \$43,050 was the costs associated with printing a 4 year supply and providing the first time artwork.

**Q: Is the expense for printing the pass divided up between the three districts in the forest?**

A: The costs of a Forest-wide purchase are divided among the districts according to their use or benefit. Currently the passes are used on the Kern River District only.

In 2010 several day use sites (some on other districts) currently under concessionaire management will return to the Sequoia National Forest to resume management. These are existing fee sites and if they are approved for fee collection under Recreation Enhancement Act they will utilize the same pass system. (See slide 59) At the time other districts utilize the pass system the accounting will be adjusted.

**Q: Collection costs on "Slide 26" have "capital to improve collection costs" and then "costs of collections". What was the capital to improve collection costs?**

A: The \$68,000 for capital to improve collection costs was for the CASH program and the development of the Southern Sierra Pass in 2008. The information was taken from the annual report to Congress.

**Q: And are collection costs broken out by district?**

A: Yes collection costs are but they are not reflected in the annual report. Each district figures how much they will spend from the collections code FDCL in the program of work they create each year. The year end transaction report created for the annual reporting process tracks every expenditure, collection, and account adjustment in this code. By checking the year end report or by checking with the Forest transaction reports, the districts can extract what was actually spent from the collections management code (FDCL).

**Q: Are collection costs considered part of Administration costs?**

A: Not under REA, collection costs are simply “costs directly associated with the collection of fees, including supplies, travel, and other services.

- Non-Capital costs include individual expenses of less than \$5,000 for buildings and equipment AND all fee collection salaries, compliance (including costs directly related to non-payment enforcement and prosecution), fee envelopes and other printed materials, accounting and banking, fee collection training, utilities (electric, gas, phone, radios) and repair/maintenance of equipment, buildings, and vehicles used **for fee collection**.
- Capital costs include **individual** expenditures of more than \$5,000.”

**Q: In the Lake Isabella Biz plan, trash pick up just for the sites around the lake, Aux. Dam, S.Fork and Old Isabella, was estimated to be \$18,000 for 2008.**

**But in the power point trash pick up costs for 2008 for the ENTIRE Kern River district were stated as \$5,800. How is that possible?**

A: Yes, \$18,000 is the total estimated costs for trash pick up for Auxiliary Dam, South Fork and Old Isabella for 2008 taken from the business plan. (There are other sites around the lake that trash service is provided by the Forest Service but no fee is collected so those costs are not included in the business plan.)

Slide 42 is the amount that was paid in 2008 from REA (FEE) management codes only (FDDS 42, FDDS 36). The rest was paid out of other “appropriated dollars” management codes such as NFRW (see yellow slides).

From the Lake Isabella HIRA business Plan, page 7:

Contracted Costs:

Fiscal Year	Toilet Pumping Service	Portable Rental and Servicing	Trash Pick-up
2008 (estimated)	\$33,000	\$0	\$18,870
2007	\$11,286	\$0	\$15,000
2006	\$10,745	\$0	\$16,100
2005	\$25,791	\$22,588	\$13,500
2004	\$24,142	\$21,392	\$11,928

**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)

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On slide 42, the \$5,800 is that portion of the trash pickup costs that was paid out of the Recreation Fee program (REA fund codes FDDS 42 or FDDS 36) only. This included all Rea sites on the Kern River Ranger District (See slide 19 for a list of sites).

The entire trash pick-up expenses for the Kern River District's recreation program would include non-REA sites- "other" sites around the lake

and sites with dumpsters that are not associated with whitewater boating or fee sites. This does not include concessionaire managed campgrounds and day use sites. Concessionaires pay trash pick-up costs as part of their special use permit for the sites they manage. The district budgeted approximately \$85,000 for costs to collect trash for the entire Kern River District recreation program.

**Q: Also, why are the CASH costs and Printing costs all contained in Kern River District expenditures when those items will be used forest wide?**

A: The costs of a Forest-wide purchase are divided among the districts according to their use or benefit. Currently the passes are used on the Kern River District only. However in the near future several day use sites throughout the forest that are currently under concessionaire management will return to the Sequoia National Forest to resume management. These are existing fee sites and if they are approved for fee collection under Recreation Enhancement Act they will utilize the same pass system. (See slide 59) At that time the accounting will be adjusted accordingly.

**Q: On Slide 42" of the PowerPoint Presentation is the Kern River break down of fees spent, is the total there 273,450?**

A: Yes, \$273,450 is the total of the costs paid out of FDDS42 (80% fund code for special uses), FDDS36 (80% fund code for recreation facilities), and FDCL (15% fund code for fee collections) for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2008. These figures are rounded numbers generated from a Forest-wide transaction report.

**Q. In 2008 you only took in \$191,900 in fees for that area?**

Yes, \$191,000 is the total of fees collected for the Kern River Ranger District in fiscal year 2008. This rounded number was generated from the Forest-wide transaction report also.

**Q: Is the rest made up in appropriated dollars?**

A: No, the \$82,450 difference came from recreation fee funds. These are revolving accounts that track all money brought forward from the following years (see slide 30 to see what was brought forward into fiscal year 2009).

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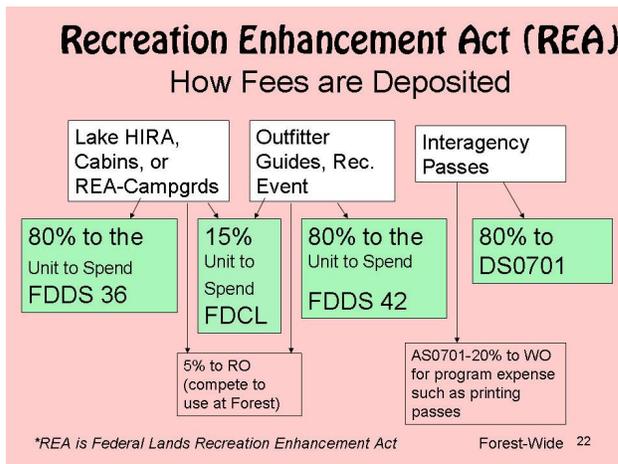
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Because the fee funds (FDDS36, FDDS40 and FDCL) had accumulated money from previous years, they provided the capital needed for the Sequoia National Forest to invest in two new management strategies to improve compliance, to make much needed site improvements to Camp 9, and to add extra personnel to manage recreation at the sites around Lake Isabella, the Kern River, and campgrounds on the Kern Plateau where the fees were collected. All

of these investments were in response to the comments received from the public at workshops held in the community during 2007 and 2008.

**Q. What do FDDS36, FDDS42, FDCL and DS0701 refer to? I assume its Kern River, Western Divide, Hume Lake and Supervisors office, but not sure and didn't want to get it wrong.**

A. FDDS36, FDDS42, FDCL, and DS0701 are the management fund codes that fee collections are deposited into (See slides 21 and 22). They are deposited into Forest level accounts making it labor intensive to extract detailed information by site or district.



Note: All pink slides refer to recreation fee dollars. Appropriated funds are yellow slides.

The new spreadsheet being piloted this year by the Sequoia National Forest will make extracting data for public inquiries much easier.

## Q. What amenities are located at sites along the Upper Kern River?

### A. Upper Kern River Facilities 2008

NAME	TYPE	PARKING SQ. FT OR SPACES	VAULT TOILET	PORTABLE TOILETS- MAY- SEPT	TRASH BIN MAY- SEPT	INFO. STATION	PICNIC TABLES	OTHER
Brush Creek	Dispersed camping/ Boating		2 blg / 4h	0	3 bins	2-4x4'	0	boat launch, 4x4 river info and manifest station, 4 x 4 fire prevention sign
Corral Creek- Upper	Dispersed camping		0	2	1	1 x 1	0	Upper and lower Corral Creek are connected and could be combined in IFRA as one site, fire prevention sign
Corral Creek	Picnic		0	2	1	1-2x2 1-4x4	2-4 ? picnic tables	4000sq ft beach, rec regulation sign, 1river info and manifest station.
Johnsondale Bridge	Boating	Paved	1 blg / 2h	0	1	2-4x4 2-interp	0	1-river info with manifest station, 1-fishing infor, 2 interpretive signs, improved river access ramp, paved parking- 10 spaces, “no parking” loading zone.
RiverKern Beach	Picnic		1-2x CXT (2009)	2	1	2-4x4 steel	2	1-river info with manifest station, 1-rec sign, “no parking” loading zone, improved takeout (2009),

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Roads End	Beach/ Boating/ Picnic		1-CXT (2009)	1	1	1-4x4 1-2x2 1-interp	3	1-interpretive sign, 1 river info with manifest station, 1-rec regs, "no parking" loading zone, improved launch site (2009)
Willow Point	CUA Boating/ Dispersed Camping		potential for CXT	1	1	1-4x4 1-1x1	0	River inform, improved takeout (2009), river warning, "no parking" loading zone
Calkins Flat	CUA Dispersed camping/ Boating		0	3	2 with roll off on holiday weekends	1-4x4 1-large interchangeable signs 8x8 on road	0	1 river info with manifest station,
Chamise Flat	CUA Dispersed camping		0	3	2	2-1x1	0	fire prevention
Chico Flat	CUA Dispersed camping			2	2	1-4x4	0	Fire prevention
Salmon Creek	CUA Dispersed Camping		0	0	0	0	0	

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Springhill	CUA Dispersed camping		0	2	1	2-1x1	0	fire prevention
Thunderbird	CUA Dispersed camping / boating		0 (Double CXT 2009)	2	1	1-4x4 1 -1x1	0	Paved, accessible parking, improved launch site (2009), pave road to highway, 1 river info with manifest station, fire prevention
Halfway	CUA/ Dispersed camping		0	2	2 with rolloff on holiday weekends	1-1x1	0	Fire prevention
Whitesides	CUA Dispersed camping		0	1	1	0	0	
Ant Canyon	CUA Dispersed camping /boating		0	2	2	2-4x4	0	1 river info with manifest station, fire prevention,
Upper Goldledge	CUA Dispersed camping		0	1	1	1-1x1	0	Fire prevention
TOTAL			3 CXTs, +3in2009	26 portables	23 dumpsters			13-dispersed camping 9-boating sites

