National Forests—19.6 million acres

By classification area as follows:

Forest (Public lands)

The total acreage managed by the seven primary Federal land

Tezreries

are preserved

sectors are strongly supported below and where possible, stands

provide scenic, recreational, and aesthetic benefits and programs that

meet and enhance society for people, as well as information and

services such as youth-risk and

local Government: Close-to-home parks, facilities, and pro-

per for various disadvantaged groups, including educational programs

Phone Sector: High-service outdoor recreation, programs, equip-

access to Federal areas

have expanded and serve as focal points for population centers.

- Federal Government: Management of vast acres of State, Federal, and other Federal, State, and local public needed to enhance access to these acres and facilities.

Southwestern Regional Forest Service 

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Outdoor Recreation Opportunities for Americans

Light conditions, activities on a wide base of land and water.

bees of people enjoying a growing number of different and some-
The following governmental function:

- County—80 departments
- Municipal—156 departments
- Special districts—169 departments
- Other—43 departments

The numbers and acres of areas across all 60 states are summarized below:

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<th>State</th>
<th>National Wilderness Preservation System (million acres)</th>
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The leading reclamation project is the Cibola National Forest, which covers an area of 1.5 million acres.
### Summary

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<th>Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Recreational Revenues</th>
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**Note:** Recreational revenues include income from campgrounds, boat launches, and other recreational activities.

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**Note:** The table shows income from various recreational activities by fiscal year.

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**Conclusion:** The table highlights the increase in recreational revenues over the years, reflecting growing interest in outdoor activities. Continued efforts to manage and enhance these activities are essential for sustained growth.
Parks, Recreation and the Environment

At the risk of dwelling on the joys of outdoor recreation, I present the director of another park project who, when asked about the benefits of outdoor recreation, replied:

"Properly planned, outdoor recreation facilities can provide a wonderful way to enhance the quality of life. They offer opportunities for physical activity, social interaction, and personal growth. In addition, they can improve the environment, provide educational opportunities, and contribute to the economic well-being of communities."

This is particularly true in large urban areas, where high-density living can lead to stress and isolation. Parks and recreation areas can offer a break from the daily grind, allowing individuals to connect with nature and each other.

However, it's important to note that the benefits of outdoor recreation are not limited to physical health. Mental health can also be positively impacted through exposure to natural environments. Research has shown that spending time in nature can reduce stress, improve mood, and even enhance creativity.

In the words of John Denver, "Mother Earth, where have you been?" Parks, recreation, and the environment are connected in ways that we often overlook. As we continue to develop our communities, it's crucial that we prioritize places where people can go to relax, play, and learn about the natural world.