



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Recreation Fees 2006

Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region



Gifford Pinchot National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Golden Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$198,840	\$253,007	\$21,329	\$3,597	\$4,432	\$44
Colville	\$26,715	\$22,195	\$170	\$0	\$2,235	\$0
Deschutes	\$399,150	\$318,305	\$166,430	\$69,779	\$33,878	\$32,502
Fremont-Winema	\$41,754	\$54,471	\$44,035	\$15,099	\$1,868	\$0
Gifford Pinchot	\$847,428	\$989,226	\$21,846	\$100	\$106,978	\$100,525
Malheur	\$48,385	\$38,853	\$636	\$0	\$801	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$814,416	\$1,240,339	\$27,387	\$51,044	\$78,012	\$9,749
Mt. Hood	\$347,049	\$327,815	\$20,997	\$240	\$10,797	\$32,548
Ochoco	\$32,535	\$26,504	\$3,516	\$0	\$1,248	\$0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$674,612	\$477,215	\$66,430	\$19,018	\$17,812	\$865
Olympic	\$226,859	\$216,502	\$0	\$0	\$46,592	\$7,581
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$221,040	\$196,384	\$76,147	\$152	\$5,970	\$7,854
Siuslaw	\$1,744,937	\$1,618,199	\$40,280	\$4,178	\$15,306	\$7,964
Umatilla	\$78,099	\$106,181	\$13,177	\$2,744	\$1,490	\$0
Umpqua	\$324,650	\$309,884	\$11,707	\$4,816	\$2,599	\$4,649
Wallowa-Whitman	\$198,938	\$234,175	\$174,306	\$100,759	\$3,675	\$0
Willamette	\$213,473	\$228,882	\$48,523	\$3,225	\$10,385	\$16,544

Recreation Fees Make a Difference in the Pacific Northwest

Your fee dollars help provide a variety of recreation facilities and services at Forest Service recreation fee sites in Oregon and Washington. Whether you have concerns or kudos, we invite you to comment on how these funds are spent.

Recreation fees -- it is your money and you should know what happens to it. The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), authorized in December 2004, recognized this and required all agencies to share accomplishments that occur on recreation fee sites.

Even prior to REA, the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region has been day-lighting how we have used funds through individual Forest Accomplishment Reports and on-site signing. We work hard to ensure you know where the money goes and to 'grow' the money by matching it with other funding sources such as grants or volunteer labor.

Because of REA, each Forest now retains 95% of the funds collected. Of that, at least 80% is used to help improve and maintain the facilities and services that you use and expect.

Fee dollars may only be spent on recreation facilities or services where a fee is charged. In the past we have heard that people would like to see fees spent on clean recreation facilities, well-maintained trails, friendly, helpful employees, and safety and security at recreation sites. If you would like to help identify other priorities for the use of these fee dollars, you are invited to contact the recreation fee program coordinator, who is identified on the back of this report.

Thank you for supporting this program and helping us make a difference!

Introducing a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee in the Pacific Northwest

New this year, you will have an additional opportunity to get involved in the recreation fee program.

A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Recreation RAC) is forming this year. The Recreation RAC is a group of citizens interested in recreation fees who will provide recommendations on Forest Service proposals for new fees or changing existing fees.

All Recreation RAC meetings are open to the public and will be announced through media, the *Federal Register* and on the web at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/rrac.shtml>.



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Gifford Pinchot Accomplishments



Recreation Passes:

- Provided routine maintenance at all Gifford Pinchot NF recreation pass sites, including trailheads, picnic sites, boating sites, and interpretive sites.
- Installed new signs, bulletin boards, removed hazard trees, and performed basic trail maintenance on over 113 miles of trail. Completed backlog trail maintenance projects on the Ape Cave, Lewis River, Quart Creek, Sunset Falls, Thomas Lake, and Whistle Punk trails.
- Partnered with 17 partner organizations to complete routine maintenance, backlog maintenance, and other special projects.
- Provided interpretive programs at sites in the east and south portions of Mount St. Helens for an estimated 21,000 visitors.



Campgrounds:

- Operated and performed routine maintenance at 12 campgrounds through force account labor. Provided campground hosts through campground shoulder seasons.
- Completed backlog maintenance projects including installing new signs and bulletin boards, and painting and repairing toilets.



Cabin Rentals:

- Rented out Government Mineral Springs and Peterson Prairie Guard Stations year-round.
- Provided post rental inspections and cleaning, and provided firewood. Installed additional propane and wood heating systems at the cabins for winter rentals.



Cascade Volcanoes Climbing Program:

- Provided climbing rangers throughout the summer on Mount St. Helens and Mt. Adams, and provided search and rescue support on 13 missions. Provided information via brochures and maps and on-line. Maintained access roads, trailhead and trails to climbing routes.
- Issued over 9000 permits for Mount St. Helens, and 4833 to Mt. Adams climbers. Continued waste pack-out program on Mt. Adams, providing 7,000 human waste bags to climbers.



Mount St. Helens Visitor Centers:

- Operated two Mount St. Helens Visitor Centers through 2006, receiving 500,000 visits, 140,000 direct visitor contacts, including 9,000 students, and over 90,000 visitors participating in ranger-led activities. Partnered with Washington State Parks on the operation of Mount St. Helens Visitor Center at Silver Lake.
- Updated brochures and maps, and created 4 new interpretive exhibits.



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