



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Recreation Fees 2006

Forest Accomplishment Report  
Pacific Northwest Region



# Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Golden Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
<b>Columbia Gorge</b>	<b>\$198,840</b>	<b>\$253,007</b>	<b>\$21,329</b>	<b>\$3,597</b>	<b>\$4,432</b>	<b>\$44</b>
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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## Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Accomplishments



### Recreation Passes:

- Partnered with Skamania County Correction crew to construct 15 picnic tables.
- The CRGNSA maintained approximately 46 miles of trail with recreation fee revenues.
- Partnered with Mid Columbia Council of Governments (MCOG) to field a 12 person youth crew. The crew completed 5 miles trail reconstruction.
- The CRGNSA entered into the Regional Challenge Cost Share Agreement (\$1,500) with the Washington Trail Association to maintain 10.0 miles of trail.
- Maintained overall compliance rate of 90% and enhanced security at heavily visited sites in the Gorge.
- Recreation fees funded inspections of 7 trail bridges.
- Procured and installed new directional signs on various trails in the NSA.
- Fee revenues provided funds to support the unit's recreation crew for routine maintenance and hazard tree inspections of picnic areas and trailheads in the program (12 sites).
- Initiated rehabilitation efforts of "switch back" cutting areas along the popular Multnomah Falls trail in partnership with the National Forest Foundation Friends of the Forest Day.



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### Campgrounds:

- Completed routine maintenance of all three sites through the campground hosts program. Recreation fee revenues funded host stipend and materials and supplies.



### Cabin Rentals:

- Completed remodel of Overlook Group Site shelter restrooms to meet accessibility standards.



### Multnomah Falls Visitor Center:

- Recreation Fee Demo funds from fiscal year 2004 were used to staff the Multnomah Falls visitor center and to operate with extended hours during the summer months (0830 – 2000).
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- The Forest Service to partner with the Friends of Multnomah Falls and Multnomah Falls Co., Inc. to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Day during Fathers Day weekend. The event included a barbeque, activities for kids, Smokey Bear, Warm Springs Dancers, and public information provided by the many Gorge recreation stakeholders' booths.

