



Recreation Fees 2008

Malheur National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Interagency Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$189,559	\$189,536	\$25,096	\$12,848	\$818	\$289
Colville	\$32,974	\$24,893	\$446	\$0	\$1,549	\$647
Deschutes	\$474,799	\$463,023	\$165,983	\$89,477	\$25,659	\$692
Fremont-Winema	\$40,365	\$48,293	\$52,538	\$36,068	\$1,272	\$29
Gifford Pinchot	\$1,168,779	\$900,558	\$45,338	\$35,862	\$52,795	\$0
Malheur	\$60,263	\$66,095	\$1,201	\$0	\$608	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$622,924	\$790,868	\$52,318	\$34,230	\$85,618	\$53,536
Mt. Hood	\$282,169	\$215,672	\$29,920	\$27,798	\$8,302	\$12,590
Ochoco	\$30,091	\$32,722	\$8,168	\$0	\$1,270	\$0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$767,240	\$680,895	\$93,964	\$90,176	\$22,334	\$61
Olympic	\$193,159	\$137,236	\$0	\$0	\$37,195	\$515
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$192,270	\$170,516	\$64,414	\$41,871	\$4,439	\$0
Siuslaw	\$1,747,427	\$1,616,064	\$31,728	\$10,014	\$16,188	\$47,276
Umatilla	\$88,185	\$78,122	\$36,173	\$1,931	\$1,770	\$0
Umpqua	\$513,718	\$316,498	\$16,519	\$13,014	\$13,532	\$27
Wallowa-Whitman	\$128,424	\$159,239	\$163,612	\$128,239	\$3,085	\$0
Willamette	\$241,995	\$155,767	\$52,197	\$26,176	\$11,468	\$18,068

Investment in recreation – using recreation fees wisely

Whether you have concerns or kudos, we invite you to comment on how funds collected at recreation sites are spent.

The past year brought many of us financial uncertainties and the stresses that go along with them. Connecting with nature is one way to escape these pressures. For a minimal cost, we can still have the benefits of a recreation experience.

Unfortunately, operating and maintaining forest recreation facilities is expensive. Trail maintenance, running campgrounds, cleaning restrooms, public safety, and interpretive programs all cost money. Congressionally appropriated funds and volunteer contributions do not come near covering these costs. A large part of these expenses must be covered by fees paid by users of the National Forests.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) allows the funds we collect to be used locally for operating and maintaining recreation sites that the public uses. You can have a voice in how these fees are spent by contacting your local forest Program Coordinator (see the back page for contact information).

Pacific Northwest Recreation RAC

The Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met twice this past year to review fee proposals submitted by both the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Of the proposals presented, most consisted of minor fee increases in campgrounds, many of which had not had fee increases in years. Notices of fee increases and new fees at campgrounds and rentals were posted during the summer. We received very few public comments about these proposals.

Recreation RAC meetings are open to the public and are announced through media, the *Federal Register* and on the web at www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/rrac.shtml. Current fee proposals may be found on this web site for upcoming Recreation RAC meetings.

Malheur's Deer Creek Guard Station

Douglas firs and Ponderosa pines dot the broad, flat expanse surrounding Deer Creek Guard Station. Chickadees and other songbirds flit and chatter. Listen closely and the pounding hooves of wild horses may be heard in the distance. In 2008, REA funds supported the repainting of this guard station and two other recreation rentals on the Malheur National Forest. This seemingly simple task was complicated with the presence of lead-based paint that was properly removed and disposed of. Now the fresh face of Deer Creek Guard Station is ready to greet visitors.



Caring for the Land and Serving People

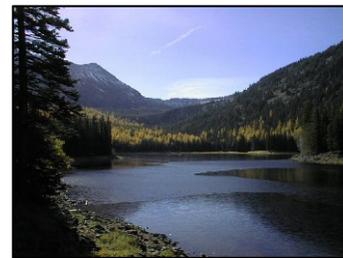
Malheur NF Accomplishments

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Campground Revenues

- Completed maintenance tasks at 15 campgrounds.
- Hired seasonal workers who performed vegetation management and campground maintenance tasks.
- Provided volunteer campground host services including greeting visitors, providing information, directing traffic, cleaning toilets and fire rings, on-site security, and maintaining information boards.
- Replaced, repaired, and painted tables, barriers, and signs forest wide.
- Completed pre-season inspection and removed hazard trees at Idlewild Campground.



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Clearing underbrush



Recreation Lodging

- Completed maintenance tasks at 3 recreation rental facilities.
- Completed removal of lead-based paint and repainting at 3 recreation rental facilities.
- Installed a new toilet facility at a recreation rental lookout.



A fresh coat of paint at Deer Creek Guard Station

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