



Mt. Hood 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.

Mt. Hood's Clackamas Lake Ranger's Cabin

If you long for a look into the past, a trip to the Clackamas Lake Historic Ranger Station may be in order. Located near Timothy Lake on the Mt. Hood National Forest, the recreation rental cabin is part of a compound that is maintained to look like a Forest Service Ranger Station of the 1930's. In 2008, REA funds enhanced visitor services at this site by providing volunteer-led tours and visitor information as well as on site management. Maintenance tasks at the site were also supported by REA funding.



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Mt. Hood National Forest Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

- Funded Northwest Service Academy (AmeriCorps) crew to assist with trail maintenance, completing maintenance on 109 miles of trail.
- Plowed access Billy Bob snow-park.
- Provided portable toilets at eight popular trailheads
- Provided trash collection service at three heavily-used sites along the Clackamas River system including Bagby Hot Springs Trailhead.



Recreation Rental Revenue

- Supported volunteer hosts at Clackamas Lake Guard Station. The hosts gave tours of the historic guard station, provided visitor information for the Timothy Lake Recreation Area, and provided on-sight management for the Clackamas Lake Guard Station Ranger House lodging rental.
- Provided a stipend for the volunteers, and funded supplies for the Ranger House operation and maintenance.



Campground Revenue

- Funded seasonal employees to operate and maintain 24 rustic campgrounds across the forest and the Olallie Lake Scenic Area campground complex.
- Installed new restroom roof at Bonnie Crossing campground.

National Interagency Pass Revenue

- Conducted tours of historic Timberline Lodge for approximately 7,500 visitors. Provided Lodge information desk staffing, serving 15,620 visitors
- Conducted tours of historic Cloud Cap Inn.
- Sponsored the Barlow Road Pioneer Camp interpretive program.
- Provided campfire programs at Trillium Lake Campground and Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp.



Special Permit Revenues

- Administered and monitored 26 event permits and 38 outfitter and guide permits.



Cascade Hut rentals



Snowmobile rentals

Contact



Timberline Lodge Info Desk

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