



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Recreation Fees 2006

Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region



Siuslaw 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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Siuslaw National Forest Accomplishments



Recreation Revenues

- Recreation fees reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses for volunteers who donated 27.25 person years of work valued at \$883,212.
- Funded 3 seasonal employees to expand interpretive contacts at the Oregon Dunes NRA and Cape Perpetua Scenic Area.
- Supplemented appropriated funds to manage visitor use in Snowy Plover nesting areas.
- Funded on-going implementation of designated site dispersed sand camping at Oregon Dunes NRA.
- Purchased new CXT vault toilet for Bluebill Campground – part of eliminating deferred maintenance at that site.
- Supplemented appropriated funds to support the unit's recreation crew for routine maintenance at 11 campgrounds and 40+ picnic areas, OHV staging areas, boat launches, and trailheads.
- Paid to reprint the popular Coastings a visitor's guide to the Siuslaw National Forest. The guide provides maps, recreation and interpretive information about the Forest and Oregon Dunes NRA.
- Operated holiday weekend booths at the primary entrances into Oregon Dunes NRA.
- Funded all utility costs for campgrounds and developed day use sites across the Forest.
- Funded purchase of 20 new fire rings and materials to recondition 20 picnic tables.
- Invested \$213,000 in routine maintenance and elimination of deferred maintenance at developed sites across the Forest.

Partnerships funded through recreation fees

- Partnered with Shutter Creek Correction crew to perform campground maintenance at 8 campgrounds and maintenance on 12 miles of trail.
- Recreation fee match (\$140,000) helped obtain \$340,000 in State Park grants for OHV operations and maintenance at Oregon Dunes NRA and Sand Lake Recreation Area.
- Used recreation fees to match and obtain \$350,000 of State Park grants (All-terrain Vehicle and Recreation Trails Program) for 2007 construction of Old Bark Road Staging Area, an element of designated dispersed sand camping implementation.



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