



Recreation Fees 2008

Wallowa-Whitman 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.

Wallowa-Whitman Volunteers Are Key

In 2008, REA funds supported nearly 9,000 volunteer hours on the Wallowa-Whitman. Volunteers performed maintenance tasks and provided visitor services at 23 campgrounds, seven trailheads and two cabins throughout the season. In national recreation and wilderness areas, 186 miles of trail was maintained by volunteers and seasonal staff. Not only did volunteers at Cache Creek and Kirkwood Historic Ranches maintain the sites this past year, they enhanced visitor experiences by providing information and site security as well.



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Wallowa-Whitman Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

- Installed or repaired 8 hitching rails and the star feeders at North Fork Catherine Creek and Moss Springs trailheads.
- Replaced the information board at Warnock Corrals trailhead.
- Repaired the registration box at Two Pan trailhead.
- Provided routine site and toilet cleaning, regular patrols, and visitor contact at 18 day use sites.



- Began installation of new septic system and painted the exterior of Anthony Lake Guard Station.
- Provided annual propane testing, safety review and pre-operational cleaning, and 6 months of water testing at 4 cabins.



New septic line at Anthony Lakes



Star feeder in use at Moss Lake



Campground Revenues

- Completed minor repairs of the pump house, water system and 3 restroom facilities; interior painting of 3 restrooms; and provided water system testing for 6 months at Pittsburg campground.
- Constructed 150 feet of parking barriers, replaced 2 tables and 3 fire rings at Moss Springs campground.
- Replace 16 picnic tables in 3 campgrounds.
- Replaced site signs at 3 campgrounds.
- Maintained staffing and compliance presence at 31 campgrounds.
- Provided annual hazard tree inspection and mitigation, and routine site and toilet cleaning at 31 sites; and monthly water testing at 7 campgrounds.

Cycle Oregon Images



REA Funding provided staffing at 5 information sites along the route



Special Use Permit Revenues

- Increased monitoring of upland outfitter guide operations.
- Monitored 17 powerboat and 15 float outfitter guide operations.
- Rebuilt footbridge and removed brush at Pittsburgh Launch.
- Administered recreation event permits (Cycle Oregon, Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally, Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race) that benefited local tourism in Baker, Union and Wallowa Counties.

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