



Willamette 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.

The Willamette's Iron Mountain Lookout

Visitors to Iron Mountain in 2008 discovered a significant change when they reach the peak: the absence of the lookout building that has greeted them since the 1976. Although difficult, the decision was made to replace the aging structure with a viewing platform. REA funds were leveraged with a grant through Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to complete construction of the platform in 2008. The spirit of the structure remains as do the sweeping views for hikers to enjoy.



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Willamette Accomplishments



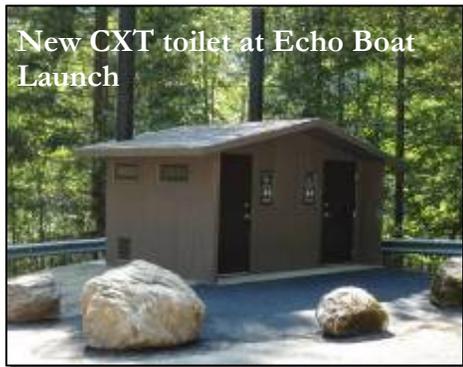
Recreation Pass Revenues

- Completed operation and maintenance tasks at 46 day use sites including: pre-season inspections and cleaning, hazard tree removal, sign and information board maintenance, trash can replacement, water testing, utility maintenance, garbage collection and toilet pumping.
- Plowed road to open Salt Creek Falls Observation Site; removed downed trees at various sites; and replaced and repaired vault toilet vent caps, roofs, fences, railings and information boards at numerous sites due to heavy snow loads.
- Installed new bulletin boards at CT Beach Picnic Area and Iron Mountain.
- Repainted toilet buildings at CT Beach, Larison Cove and Three Pools.
- Repaired toilet building propane heater and electric alternator, and installed new snowplay area signs at Salt Creek Falls Day Use Area.
- Installed new recreation site entrance signs for Bingham Boat Launch, CT Beach Picnic Area, Kiahanie Campground, Three Pools and Salt Creek Falls Day Use Areas.
- Repaired and repaved boat ramp at Black Canyon Day Use Area.
- Cleared vegetation to open view of reservoir and removed abandoned trailer at Echo Boat Launch.
- Increased patrols at all recreation fee sites providing visitor education, protection and compliance.

Partnerships funded through recreation fees

Recreation fees helped leverage Title II funds for the following projects:

- Removed old toilets and installed new CXT toilets at Three Pools Day Use Area, Deer Creek and Duffy Trailheads, Echo Boat Launch, and Roaring River Campground.
- Reconstructed Three Pools Day Use Area: repaved parking area, access trails and scenic overlook, installed new signs and fee tube.
- Reconstructed and improved water source intake for Salt Creek Falls Day Use Area and upgraded plumbing fixtures.
- Improved Iron Mountain lookout site with construction of a new scenic viewing platform that depicts the original lookout structure. Relocated interpretive wildflower trail at Iron Mountain by the Northwest Youth Crew.
- Designed fishing pier at Daly Lake.



Partnered with Lane County Forest Work Camp, Marion County Corrections Crew, Lane and Linn County Juvenile Work Crews, and Youth Conservation Corp crews and several individual volunteers to complete above projects.

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Recreation Rental Revenues

- Administered 8 historic lookout and cabin rentals under the National Recreation Reservation Service.
- Successfully opened and operated Timber Butte, a new cabin rental in 2008.
- Completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at all cabins
- Provided propane and septic services.
- Added curtains and repaired horse corral at Box Canyon Cabin.
- Added window screens, fixed window covers, and repaired grounding wire at Indian Ridge Lookout.



*Timber Butte Cabin
with newly refurbished
interior.*



Partnerships funded through recreation fees

- Gold Butte Lookout Partners:
 - Purchased materials to fix hand railings damaged by snow at Gold Butte Lookout.
 - Pre- and post-season maintenance tasks and hand rail repairs were completed by Sand Mountain Society volunteers.
 - Boy Scouts assisted in packing in materials and supplies.
 - Linn County Youth Crew stacked transported and stacked firewood.
- Historic Fish Lake Remount Depot Cabins Partners:
 - Leveraged Federal Highway Enhancement Grant to fund projects with labor provided by numerous individual volunteers including Forest Service retirees, and the Sand Mountain Society.
 - Installed tongue-in-groove walls, screen door and a yew mantle.
 - Removed metal vent grates.
 - Built bookshelf.
 - Replaced two broken window panes and repaired all window glazing.
 - Cleaned exterior logs.
 - Serviced solar batteries.
 - Applied borate solution to foundation pier posts and exterior areas with fungal damage.



Campground Revenues

- Completed operation and maintenance tasks at 18 campgrounds and group camp sites including: pre-season facility and site inspections, hazard tree removal and brushing, sign and information board maintenance, drinking water testing, garbage collection, toilet pumping, and replaced and installed numerous garbage cans, campsite markers, information boards, picnic tables, barrier posts, one gate, and one site entrance sign.
- Rented portable toilets and repaired flush toilets at Trailbridge Campground.



*Backcountry Horseman and
Oregon Equestrian Trails
volunteers replaced rails and
corrals at Big Meadows Horse
Camp.*





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Partnerships funded through recreation fees

- Purchased materials to replace all horse corrals and wooden fencing damaged during winter at Big Meadows and Sevenmile Horse Camps in partnership with the Backcountry Horseman and Oregon Equestrian Trails volunteers.
- Boy Scouts installed a fee tube and new information boards at Piety Island, constructed 100 feet of new campground trail and cleared existing trails.
- Completed a variety of recreation site maintenance projects with assistance from Lane County Forest Work Camp, Marion County Corrections Crew, Lane and Linn County Juvenile Work Crews, and Youth Conservation Corp crews and several individual volunteers.



Christmas Tree Program Revenues

- Administered Christmas tree special recreation selling 4035 permits at 16 vendor outlets.
- Enhanced visitor services by increasing daily and weekend operational hours at Forest Service offices and providing forest patrols.
- Produced Christmas tree harvest area map with information on tree gathering techniques, tree care tips and forest travel safety.



Heritage Expedition Revenues

- Offered 13 one-day hikes covering topics such as heritage, bird-watching, berry picking, wildflower viewing, and mushroom identification.
- Provided a 5-day Heritage Expedition entitled a "Vacation with Ray Riggs."
- Hosted a reunion heritage event honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at Longbow Organizational Camp and included six original CCC members.



Riggs Lake



Special Use Permit Revenues

- Administered 42 river outfitter and guide permits and several land outfitter and guide permits including outdoor programs for youth at risk, bicycle tours, and equestrian tours.
- Updated *McKenzie River Corridor* map with other partnering agencies for display at several boat launches.
- Repositioned two trees blocking river passage on the McKenzie River.
- Administered 13 recreation event permits including five mountain biking events, two trail runs, a National Forest Foundation benefit run, an automobile event, a winter festival, a fireworks display, and portions of a Cycle Oregon event including staffing lunch and rest stops.