



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Recreation Fees 2007

Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



Gifford Pinchot National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Interagency Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$205,760	\$270,789	\$24,140	\$10,339	\$4,790	\$279
Colville	\$20,418	\$21,143	\$347	\$0	\$6,957	\$1
Deschutes	\$573,187	\$343,054	\$149,937	\$68,757	\$70,145	\$690
Fremont-Winema	\$50,935	\$39,173	\$85,488	\$56,381	\$1,646	\$145
Gifford Pinchot	\$1,489,229	\$1,421,358	\$60,782	\$16,918	\$116,779	\$170
Malheur	\$65,769	\$48,115	\$185	\$0	\$10,293	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$980,036	\$836,045	\$76,764	\$22,192	\$145,474	\$0
Mt. Hood	\$358,941	\$382,686	\$26,297	\$15,741	\$26,106	\$10,761
Ochoco	\$35,315	\$36,118	\$6,658	\$573	\$31,605	\$0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$682,571	\$866,186	\$110,184	\$29,424	\$28,668	\$8
Olympic	\$267,144	\$168,542	\$934	\$0	\$62,967	\$714
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$249,740	\$219,557	\$74,357	\$717	\$46,698	\$0
Siuslaw	\$1,853,029	\$1,770,391	\$29,902	\$3,388	\$26,645	\$35,946
Umatilla	\$83,248	\$70,292	\$15,802	\$3,147	\$2,122	\$0
Umpqua	\$477,593	\$283,191	\$12,727	\$7,348	\$38,487	\$3,240
Wallowa-Whitman	\$152,181	\$183,098	\$122,417	\$75,406	\$6,514	\$62
Willamette	\$239,702	\$204,572	\$60,672	\$47,596	\$11,452	\$2,801

Providing the Recreation Opportunities You Want

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

The Forest Service is now using an analysis process, called Recreation Facility Analysis, to focus on providing and improving recreation facilities and services that the public wants. This analysis also helps identify recreation sites that are in significant need of repair and costs to accomplish these repairs.

The Forest Service uses funds collected at recreation sites as well as appropriated dollars to keep facilities open and well maintained, and to address improvements and backlog repairs. The Forest Service can also use funds collected at recreation sites to obtain grants and secure partnerships, and to pay for the training and costs of volunteers, further stretching the buying power of the dollar. These monies can also be saved from year to year to address larger costs associated with recreation sites.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) enables each Forest to retain 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.

We have developed these individual forest accomplishment reports so that you know exactly how your dollars are spent. REA states that 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, employee presence, 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 your local recreation fee program coordinator, identified on the back of this report.

Thank you for supporting this program and helping us make a difference!

New Citizen's Advisory Committee

The Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is a group of citizens who provide recommendations on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management proposals for establishing new or changing existing fees. After establishing operating procedures and gaining an understanding of the Recreation Enhancement Act, the Recreation RAC, formed this year, made recommendations on 46 sites covering seven units on the Forest Service and BLM. The diversity of members on the Recreation RAC ensures good discussion and effective public involvement regarding recreation fees.

All Recreation RAC meetings are open to the public and will be announced through media, the *Federal Register* and on the web at: www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/rrac.shtml.



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Gifford Pinchot Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

- Provided routine maintenance at all Gifford Pichot NF recreation pass sites, including 21 trailheads, 3 picnic, 1 boating, and 13 interpretive sites.
- Maintained signs, bulletin boards, removed hazard trees, and performed basic trail maintenance on trails adjacent to recreation pass sites.
- Partnered with a number volunteer organizations to complete routine maintenance, backlog maintenance, and other special projects at recreation pass sites.



Campground Revenues

- Operated and performed routine maintenance at 8 campgrounds through the camping season. Provided compliance and enforcement patrols, and campground hosts.
- Completed backlog maintenance projects including installing new signs and bulletin boards, and painting and repairing toilets.



Recreation Rental Revenues

- Operated and maintained Government Mineral Springs Guard Station and Peterson Prairie Guard Station year-round.
- Completed post rental inspections and cleaning after every rental, maintenance and repairs, and firewood.



Cascade Volcanoes Climbing Revenues

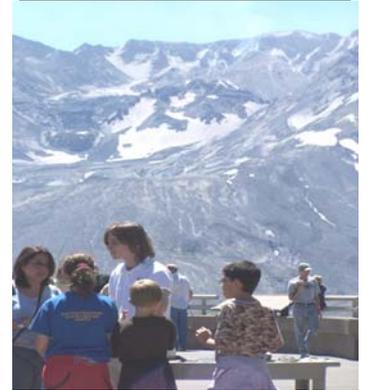
- Issued over 9000 permits to Mount St. Helens climbers, and 4789 to Mount Adams climbers. Continued waste pack-out program on Mount Adams, providing 7,000 human waste bags to climbers.
- Provided climbing rangers throughout the summer on Mount St. Helens and Mount. Adams, and provided search and rescue support on 5 missions.
- Provided weekly information updates on-line and brochures and maps to climbers.
- Maintained access roads, trailhead and trails to climbing routes.



Mount St. Helens Visitor Center(s) Revenues

- Operated two Mount St. Helens Visitor Centers through 2006, receiving over 500,000 visits. Provided interpretive programs to over 140,000 visitors, including 9,000 school children.
- Provided and updated brochures, maps, and interpretive exhibits.

Contact



☐ Interpretive talk, Johnston Ridge Observatory, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

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