



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Recreation Fees 2006

## Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



# Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie 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
<b>Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie</b>	<b>\$814,416</b>	<b>\$1,240,339</b>	<b>\$27,387</b>	<b>\$51,044</b>	<b>\$78,012</b>	<b>\$9,749</b>
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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## Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Accomplishments



### Recreation Pass Revenues

Funds from fees (and other sources) helped the Forest leverage additional grant funding through the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, much of which was put to work in support of the recreation program. About 663 miles of trails had logs removed and 356 miles were brushed on the Forest. Each District had a maintenance crew that was leveraged, in most cases, by a matching National Recreation Trails Program grant. Notable work included the replacement of a flood damaged stone causeway with 100 feet of puncheon at Big Four Ice Caves, replacing several hundred feet of puncheon on the Watson Lake Trail, continued tread work on Dutch Miller Gap Trail and on the new loop trail around Lake 22. Northwest Youth Corps crews worked on a leveraged grant from the Spring Trust for Trails on the Deception Creek Trail and on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. The Forest worked closely with about two dozen volunteer groups in support of the trail program. Recreation fees allowed for staffing at the Heather Meadows Visitor Center, 7 days a week, from July 14<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup>. Over 12,259 people visited the center and approximately 130,000 people visited the developed facilities in the fee area. 10 formal interpretive programs were conducted at Heather Meadows which reached 576 people. Roving interpreters and field contacts with educational stewards reached an additional 1,000 individuals. All area trails were maintained. Revegetation and site restoration efforts continue in the Heather Meadows Area. International District Housing Alliance, Project WILD was hosted for one week engaged with minority urban youth which focused on subalpine restoration and education. Forest Service volunteers contributed 1,280 hours to staff the visitor center. Information specialists were available to serve the public at Glacier, Verlot, and Snoqualmie Pass.



### Cabin Rentals

Three facilities, Evergreen Mountain and Heybrook Lookouts and the Suiattle Guard Station are approved rentals through the Recreation Lodging Program. Suiattle and Evergreen were rented every weekend through their open season and also many weekdays. Heybrook did not go on line this year and is expected to be extremely popular when it starts up in 2007.

### Christmas Trees

The program sold 6,697 permits to cut trees on the Forest last year. Funds generated allowed the Forest to contract snowplowing, paid for field patrol of the program, and covered salaries for visitor services.



Maintaining Trails



Christmas Trees



Visitor Services

## Contact



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