



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Recreation Fees 2006

Forest Accomplishment Report  
Pacific Northwest Region



# Olympic 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
<b>Olympic</b>	<b>\$226,859</b>	<b>\$216,502</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$46,592</b>	<b>\$7,581</b>
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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## Olympic Accomplishments



### Recreation Pass Revenues

- Funded 5 seasonal employees in rural areas to support recreation crews for operation of 20 picnic areas, campgrounds, interpretive sites and trailheads. Duties included compliance, public contact, interpretive work and repairs for safety and resource issues.
- Repaired portions of three water systems at REA sites.
- Funded inspections of trails and facility conditions.
- Procured and installed new signs and bulletin boards at three sites.
- Matched partner funds to reprint the Quinault National Trail map.
- Went toward match and support to other partners and Host programs onsite management.
- Provided sanitation services for four heavily used day use areas that currently do not have sanitation facilities.

### Partnerships funded through recreation fees

- Partnered with the Washington Conservation Corps to clean up storm damage, do trail maintenance and replace badly deteriorated signs and facilities at fee sites.
- Supported partnerships with the Service Knowledge Youth (SKY) program, cleaning sites, trail maintenance, and interpretive repair.
- Partnered with the Washington Trails Association to maintain 8 miles of trail.
- Partnered with grants to support Tacoma Urban League trail and facility work.
- Partnered with the Backcountry Horsemen and other local horse users to accomplish 25 miles of trail work and facility maintenance.
- Funded interpretation of local tribal cultures and provide tribal youth employment.



### Campground Revenues

- Completed routine maintenance of all REA sites on the Forest. Recreation fee sites, providing wages and contract work for local rural communities trying to diversify from timber dependency, as well as providing materials and supplies from local sources.
- Augmented appropriated and partnership funds to repair trail tread and universal access and repair resource damage around the shelter caused by overuse.



Interpretive program at Hamma Hamma Cabin



Handrail repair at Seal Rock



Trail drainage and tread were repaired

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