



# Forest Accomplishments

## Siuslaw National Forest

Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region

*Recreation Fees significantly increase the amount and quality of public services on the Siuslaw NF in 2004.*



When Congress passed the Recreation Fee Demonstration authority in 1996, it was with the intent that the fees would supplement the appropriated budget and allow forests to catch up on deferred maintenance and provide more and higher quality services to people paying the fees.

The Siuslaw National Forest uses recreation fees, and partnership funds leveraged with recreation fees, to do just that. The discussion below illustrates how recreation fees increased quality and quantity of services to Forest visitors in 2004.

On National Forests, developed recreation sites, dispersed areas, trails and interpretive/educational opportunities are managed, to the extent possible within existing budgets, to specific standards (of cleanliness, service, facility condition, staffing, etc.). Standards vary depending on the recreation opportunity – trails have different standards than developed recreation sites. Forests annually measure how many of their various recreation offerings are managed “to standard”, meaning that all prescribed standards for that given recreation opportunity (e.g. trails) are met. Recreation fees expand our ability to manage opportunities “to standard”, as illustrated below.

In 2004, funds from the federal budget allowed the Siuslaw to manage only 30 percent of its developed recreation sites “to standard”. Recreation fees allowed the Forest to make up that shortfall and manage 100 percent of its developed recreation sites “to standard” throughout the year. Recreation fees allowed similar boosts to accomplishments in other parts of the Forest program, as follows:

- Dispersed area opportunities –81% increase in “to standard” management (24,000 days versus 3,000)
- Trails opportunities –9% increase in “to standard” management (38 miles versus 35 miles)
- Interpretation/Education opportunities –9% increase in “to standard” management (177 offerings versus 162)

The bottom line is recreation fees meant more and higher quality recreation opportunities on the Siuslaw NF in 2004.

### More Detailed Information

#### Forest Website:

[www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw)

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## The Fees:

Project Name	Revenues 2004	Expenditures 2004
Northwest Forest Pass	\$ 384,990	\$ 263,450
Camping	\$ 1,058,170	\$ 908,507
Golden Passes	\$ 15,535	\$ 950
Oregon Coast Passport	\$ 176,255	\$ 42,050

## The Accomplishments:



### Northwest Forest Pass:

- Printed Forest OHV guide.
- Used \$90K to leverage \$205K for construction of Bull Run Staging Area.
- Helped finance snowy plover habitat management at 5 sites.



### Campgrounds: (Camping includes – R6 Camping – Camping Safety Net – NRRS).

- Paid utility costs (\$183,000) at 14 campgrounds.
- Rehabilitated 7 campsites in Horsfall CG.
- Paid caretaker/host reimbursement in 11 campgrounds.



### Goldens

- No projects done with Golden funds in 2004.



### Heritage Expeditions:

- Helped Willamette NF sponsor Coast to Crest trip.

### Oregon Coast Pass:

- Extended open season and daily hours of operation at Cape Perpetua Visitor Center.
- Financed design (\$15,200) for Cape P Visitor Center Deck replacement in 2005.
- Paid volunteer reimbursement (\$20,000) at Cape Perpetua and Oregon Dunes NRA.