



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Recreation Fees 2006

Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



Colville 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 |
| 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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Colville Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

- Recreation fee revenues helped fund host stipend and material and supplies at Bead Lake Boat Launch. The host serves as an information point source.



Campground Revenues

- Completed routine maintenance of all fee sites.
- Continued the installation of ADA firerings.
- Materials and supplies were purchased using R6 Safety Net funds for a cooperative project with Curlew Job Corp at the Swan Lake Complex to repair and enhance traffic barriers and camping spurs.
- Collected fees were used to cover wages for seasonal workforce that performed routine maintenance and vegetation management.
- District recreation managers were funded to provide visitor services to all sites in the fee program.



Partnerships funded through recreation fees



- Services were provided through our volunteer host and educational programs such as the annual Swan Lake Bike Fest.
- Curlew Job Corp volunteers provided all the cut firewood for the family campsites during special events as well as trail maintenance.

Contact



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