



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Recreation Fees 2005

Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



Okanogon and Wenatchee National Forests

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Golden Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	307,410	255,026	16,385	0	5,421	1,500
Colville	19,497	17,212	0	0	1,553	0
Deschutes	411,009	412,591	73,962	4,831	45,083	37,638
Fremont-Winema	33,955	68,092	9,864	0	2,019	0
Gifford Pinchot	1,225,669	1,043,999	15,117	0	116,040	71,044
Malheur	67,092	39,407	90	0	1,255	0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	905,613	845,700	52,283	0	89,202	36,548
Mt. Hood	323,465	295,793	11,879	0	23,706	18,389
Ochoco	31,106	29,537	1,819	706	1,447	0
Okanogon & Wenatchee	645,718	622,382	40,731	6,914	25,015	40,404
Olympic	242,914	183,230	0	0	64,900	4,299
Rogue River-Siskiyou	208,324	204,352	18,261	0	5,753	4,867
Siuslaw	1,682,462	1,887,771	31,936	0	24,263	3,816
Umatilla	74,793	85,862	3,989	0	2,010	0
Umpqua	315,364	339,167	7,453	0	3,285	2,504
Wallowa-Whitman	175,424	153,149	122,397	85,649	4,012	0
Willamette	273,931	227,956	14,313	294	15,014	13,112

Recreation Fees Make a Difference in the Pacific Northwest

With the passage of the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) in December 2004, the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service focused on providing quality recreation services and facilities in 2005.

The Act enables the Region to continue to retain and reinvest 80-95 percent of the funds collected. These funds help improve and maintain the facilities and services that people use and expect.

Fewer sites in the Region now require fees since the passage of the Act. Recreation passes, such as the Northwest Forest Pass, cover approximately 500 day use sites in the Region. A guide to these sites, including trailheads, picnic areas, boat launches and interpretive facilities, is available at Forest Service offices.

Recreation fees also contributed to the management of over 300 campgrounds, 70 cabin rentals and offered 20 heritage expeditions. The Region issued over 20 kinds of special recreation permits, including wilderness, rivers, boat docks, Christmas trees, cross-country skiing, and climbing.

In 2005, recreation fees contributed approximately \$8 million to the Pacific Northwest Region. These funds will be used in future years to provide safety and security at recreation sites, maintain facilities such as restrooms and trails as well as aid in youth work programs, and supply matching funds for partnerships.

Each Forest has prepared a report, such as this one, showing exactly where funds were used. Thank you for supporting this program and helping us make a difference!

Okanogon and Wenatchee

Fee receipts helped maintain 2,700 miles of trail. They also leveraged grant money and supported volunteers. Some of the numerous groups and volunteers who have helped with the heavy job of trail maintenance include: Washington Trails Association, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Student Conservation Association, Northwest Youth Corps, Wilderness Volunteer Corps, Skagit Audubon Club, the Washington Outfitters and Guides Association., and Washington Conservation Corps.



Canyon Creek Footbridge



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Okanogan and Wenatchee Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

- Constructed a fenced parking area for pickups with ATV trailers at Salmon Meadows with volunteer help.
- Gathered thousands of pounds of garbage from hundreds of separate sites in the Wilderness.
- Restored hundreds of user-built camping sites.
- Restored user-built trails to Wilderness character.
- Developed historic, cultural and natural resource interpretive materials for some trailheads and boat launches.

Partnerships with Pass Revenues:

- Facilitated thousands of hours of volunteer work. Examples include brushing new and mowing old trail.
- Leveraged \$255,000 of grant money, such as IAC grants, to maintain numerous trails.
- Reconstructed a footlog across Canyon Creek with a matching grant from the Spring Family Trust.

Youth programs funded from Pass Revenues:

- Accomplished 180-person-days of trail work (heavy maintenance) with the Student Conservation Assoc. and NW Youth Corps, specifically on the Pacific Crest Trail.



Cabin Rental Revenues

- Repaired and opened American River Guard Station for rental.



Campground Revenues

- Supported campground hosts, who cleaned campground facilities and assisted visitors.
- Conducted regular operations and maintenance including garbage collection and vandalism repair.
- Installed 24 new picnic tables & 24 firegrates. Fee funds covered the Forest Service employee's efforts in and immediately adjacent to campgrounds, including maintenance of the toilets and other campground improvements.
- Replaced a deck on a boat dock in Lake Chelan.
- Repaired Mitchell Creek Breakwater at Lake Chelan.

Partnerships Leveraged with Pass Revenues:

- Leveraged \$35,000 from IAC grant for maintenance.

Wenatchee Program Revenues

- Extended office hours to sell Christmas tree permits and Funded Christmas Tree Patrol for safety and to assist public.
- Funded Enchantments Reservation System, patrol and toilet removal.
- Leveraged funds with Echo Ridge Nordic Trail System dollars, coordinated with the Lake Chelan Nordic Ski Club and IAC, which groomed the trails and plowed the access road and parking lots.



Log placed to protect meadow



Small puncheon at Ollalie

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