



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region



Recreation Fees 2007

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Interagency Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$205,760	\$270,789	\$24,140	\$10,339	\$4,790	\$279
Colville	\$20,418	\$21,143	\$347	\$0	\$6,957	\$1
Deschutes	\$573,187	\$343,054	\$149,937	\$68,757	\$70,145	\$690
Fremont-Winema	\$50,935	\$39,173	\$85,488	\$56,381	\$1,646	\$145
Gifford Pinchot	\$1,489,229	\$1,421,358	\$60,782	\$16,918	\$116,779	\$170
Malheur	\$65,769	\$48,115	\$185	\$0	\$10,293	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$980,036	\$836,045	\$76,764	\$22,192	\$145,474	\$0
Mt. Hood	\$358,941	\$382,686	\$26,297	\$15,741	\$26,106	\$10,761
Ochoco	\$35,315	\$36,118	\$6,658	\$573	\$31,605	\$0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$682,571	\$866,186	\$110,184	\$29,424	\$28,668	\$8
Olympic	\$267,144	\$168,542	\$934	\$0	\$62,967	\$714
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$249,740	\$219,557	\$74,357	\$717	\$46,698	\$0
Siuslaw	\$1,853,029	\$1,770,391	\$29,902	\$3,388	\$26,645	\$35,946
Umatilla	\$83,248	\$70,292	\$15,802	\$3,147	\$2,122	\$0
Umpqua	\$477,593	\$283,191	\$12,727	\$7,348	\$38,487	\$3,240
Wallowa-Whitman	\$152,181	\$183,098	\$122,417	\$75,406	\$6,514	\$62
Willamette	\$239,702	\$204,572	\$60,672	\$47,596	\$11,452	\$2,801

Providing the Recreation Opportunities You Want

Whether you have concerns or kudos, we invite you to comment on how funds collected at recreation sites are spent.

The Forest Service is now using an analysis process, called Recreation Facility Analysis, to focus on providing and improving recreation facilities and services that the public wants. This analysis also helps identify recreation sites that are in significant need of repair and costs to accomplish these repairs.

The Forest Service uses funds collected at recreation sites as well as appropriated dollars to keep facilities open and well maintained, and to address improvements and backlog repairs. The Forest Service can also use funds collected at recreation sites to obtain grants and secure partnerships, and to pay for the training and costs of volunteers, further stretching the buying power of the dollar. These monies can also be saved from year to year to address larger costs associated with recreation sites.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) enables each Forest to retain 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.

We have developed these individual forest accomplishment reports so that you know exactly how your dollars are spent. REA states that 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, employee presence, 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 your local recreation fee program coordinator, identified on the back of this report.

Thank you for supporting this program and helping us make a difference!

New Citizen's Advisory Committee

The Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is a group of citizens who provide recommendations on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management proposals for establishing new or changing existing fees. After establishing operating procedures and gaining an understanding of the Recreation Enhancement Act, the Recreation RAC, formed this year, made recommendations on 46 sites covering seven units on the Forest Service and BLM. The diversity of members on the Recreation RAC ensures good discussion and effective public involvement regarding recreation fees.

All Recreation RAC meetings are open to the public and will be announced through media, the *Federal Register* and on the web at: www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/rrac.shtml.



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Columbia River Gorge NSA Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

- Supported routine maintenance and hazard tree inspections of picnic areas and trailheads in the program (12 sites).
- Funded 2 seasonal employees to continue the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area trail patrol program. Duties include compliance checks, public contact, and routine maintenance of trailhead and recreation sites. Achieved an overall compliance rate of 89%.
- Enhanced security at heavily visited sites in the Gorge (Eagle Cr., Wahclella Falls, Dog Mt. and Larch Mt.) through the trail patrol program.
- Maintained approximately 31 miles and reconstructed 5 miles of trail with recreation fee revenues.
- Funded inspections of 6 trail bridges and design of two bridges scheduled to be replaced in FY 08.
- Partnered with Skamania County Correction crew (\$300) to maintain 3 miles of trail.
- The CRGNSA entered into the Regional Challenge Cost Share Agreement (\$1,500) with the Washington Trail Association to maintain 10.0 miles of trail.
- Partnered with Mid Columbia Council of Governments (\$20,000) to field a 12 person youth crew. The crew completed 14 miles trail maintenance and reconstruction.



Campground Revenues

- Completed routine maintenance of three campgrounds and one day use site through the volunteer Campground Host program. Recreation fee revenues funded host stipend, materials and supplies.



Recreation Rental Revenues

- Completed routine maintenance of the Eagle Creek Overlook Group Reservation site.



Special Permit Revenues

- Fee revenues supported the achievement of administering 9 recreation Special Use Permits to standard.

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