



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Recreation Fees 2005

Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

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
Okanogan & 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!

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Protecting and enhancing the recreation resources in the Columbia River Gorge is one of the primary purposes of the National Scenic Area. In 2005, recreation fees helped fund partnerships with groups like Skamania County Corrections, Washington Trails Association, and Mid-Columbia Council of Governments. Work included ensuring the safety of bridges, replacing picnic tables, and maintaining highly popular trails.



Installing a trail bridge

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CRGNSA Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

- Maintained 56 miles of trails.
- Funded 2 seasonal employees to continue the CRGNSA's trail patrol program. Duties included compliance checks, public contact, and routine maintenance of trailhead and recreation sites.
- Provided increased security at heavily visited sites in the Gorge (Eagle Creek, Wahclella Falls, Dog Mountain, and Larch Mountain).
- Funded inspections on the Historic Benson Bridge and upper viewing platform at Multnomah Falls.
- Procured and installed new directional signs on six trails.
- Supported the unit's recreation crew for routine maintenance for a total of 12 picnic areas and trailheads.
- Matched appropriated funds to reprint the popular Columbia Gorge "tear sheet" maps and "Gorge Vista," a visitor's guide to the Columbia River Gorge. The guide provides recreation and interpretive information about the Columbia River Gorge.
- Extended hours at the Multnomah Falls visitor center during the summer months. The staff provides public information, interpretive services, routine maintenance of the visitor center and onsite management.

Partnerships funded through recreation fees

- Partnered with Skamania County Correction crew to construct 25 picnic tables, which replaced badly deteriorated tables at fee sites.
- Partnered with Mid-Columbia Council of Governments to field a 12 person youth crew. The crew completed 3.2 miles of heavy maintenance/reconstruction and bridge repair on the popular Eagle Creek Trail.
- Partnered with the Washington Trails Association to maintain 5.6 miles of trail.
- Partnered with the Friends of Multnomah Falls and Multnomah Falls Co., Inc. to host the 3rd Annual Falls Family Day.



Campground Revenues

- Completed routine maintenance of all three sites through the campground host program. Recreation fee revenues funded host stipend and material and supplies.
- Augmented appropriated funds to complete retro fitting paths and selected campsites at the Overlook Group Site to provide for universal access and repair resource damage around the shelter caused by overuse.



Maintaining trails in the Columbia River Gorge.

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