



Recreation Fees 2008

Colville National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Interagency Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$189,559	\$189,536	\$25,096	\$12,848	\$818	\$289
<b>Colville</b>	<b>\$32,974</b>	<b>\$24,893</b>	<b>\$446</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,549</b>	<b>\$647</b>
Deschutes	\$474,799	\$463,023	\$165,983	\$89,477	\$25,659	\$692
Fremont-Winema	\$40,365	\$48,293	\$52,538	\$36,068	\$1,272	\$29
Gifford Pinchot	\$1,168,779	\$900,558	\$45,338	\$35,862	\$52,795	\$0
Malheur	\$60,263	\$66,095	\$1,201	\$0	\$608	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$622,924	\$790,868	\$52,318	\$34,230	\$85,618	\$53,536
Mt. Hood	\$282,169	\$215,672	\$29,920	\$27,798	\$8,302	\$12,590
Ochoco	\$30,091	\$32,722	\$8,168	\$0	\$1,270	\$0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$767,240	\$680,895	\$93,964	\$90,176	\$22,334	\$61
Olympic	\$193,159	\$137,236	\$0	\$0	\$37,195	\$515
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$192,270	\$170,516	\$64,414	\$41,871	\$4,439	\$0
Siuslaw	\$1,747,427	\$1,616,064	\$31,728	\$10,014	\$16,188	\$47,276
Umatilla	\$88,185	\$78,122	\$36,173	\$1,931	\$1,770	\$0
Umpqua	\$513,718	\$316,498	\$16,519	\$13,014	\$13,532	\$27
Wallowa-Whitman	\$128,424	\$159,239	\$163,612	\$128,239	\$3,085	\$0
Willamette	\$241,995	\$155,767	\$52,197	\$26,176	\$11,468	\$18,068

Investment in recreation – using recreation fees wisely

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

The past year brought many of us financial uncertainties and the stresses that go along with them. Connecting with nature is one way to escape these pressures. For a minimal cost, we can still have the benefits of a recreation experience.

Unfortunately, operating and maintaining forest recreation facilities is expensive. Trail maintenance, running campgrounds, cleaning restrooms, public safety, and interpretive programs all cost money. Congressionally appropriated funds and volunteer contributions do not come near covering these costs. A large part of these expenses must be covered by fees paid by users of the National Forests.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) allows the funds we collect to be used locally for operating and maintaining recreation sites that the public uses. You can have a voice in how these fees are spent by contacting your local forest Program Coordinator (see the back page for contact information).

Pacific Northwest Recreation RAC

The Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met twice this past year to review fee proposals submitted by both the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Of the proposals presented, most consisted of minor fee increases in campgrounds, many of which had not had fee increases in years. Notices of fee increases and new fees at campgrounds and rentals were posted during the summer. We received very few public comments about these proposals.

Recreation RAC meetings are open to the public and are announced through media, the *Federal Register* and on the web at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/rrac.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/rrac.shtml). Current fee proposals may be found on this web site for upcoming Recreation RAC meetings.

The Colville Commitment

In 2008 the Recreation Program on the Colville continued to provide site operation and maintenance through partnerships. Curlew Job Corp crews helped with trail clearing and special events. Fees were used to cover wages for seasonal workers who performed routine maintenance and vegetation management. District Recreation Managers were funded to provide visitor services to all sites in the fee program. Educational services were provided through the volunteer host program and by the researchers involved in the Loon monitoring program at Swan, Long, and Ferry Lakes.



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## Colville Accomplishments



### Recreation Pass Revenues

- Completed routine maintenance, compliance checks and public contacts at Bead Lake boat launch.
- Helped fund the host stipend, materials, and supplies at Bead Lake.
- Provided visitor information at Bead Lake.
- Noxious weed control treatment and trail realignment



*Bike Fest participants at Swan Lake*



### Campground Revenues

- Completed routine maintenance of 8 campgrounds, 1 group camp site and 1 recreation rental cabin.
- Funded seasonal workforce that performed routine vegetation maintenance.
- Provided visitor services at all sites in the fee program.
- Participated in the annual Swan lake Bike Fest.
- Provided services to visitors including greeting visitors, providing information, outdoor recreation education for children, directing traffic, on-site security, and maintaining information boards using volunteers.
- Cleaned tables, toilets, fire rings and campsites.
- Replaced, repaired, and painted tables, barriers, and signs.
- Identified and removed hazard trees.
- Repaired vandalized information boards and toilet buildings at Pierre Lake, Canyon Creek, and Lake Ellen Campgrounds.

### Partnerships funded through recreation fees

- Continue to foster and complete cooperative projects with the Curlew Job Corps and Federal Highway Administration tied to Sherman Pass Scenic Byway. Crews focused efforts on Canyon Creek Campground in order to match the quality of other improvements along the Byway.



*By partnering with Stevens County Title II funding, improvements are being added at the Pierre Lake Campground and Day Use area. These include a new Host Site, road resurfacing, entrance safety, signing, and improved day use parking.*



### Special Permit Revenues

- Fees collected for recreation events will be used to monitor future events like the Swan Lake Family Bike Fest and snowmobile Poker Runs.

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