



# Mt Baker-Snoqualmie 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
Colville	\$32,974	\$24,893	\$446	\$0	\$1,549	\$647
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
<b>Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie</b>	<b>\$622,924</b>	<b>\$790,868</b>	<b>\$52,318</b>	<b>\$34,230</b>	<b>\$85,618</b>	<b>\$53,536</b>
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.

## NW Pass Integral to the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie

The revenue generated from the sales of the Northwest Forest Pass is a critical component in accomplishing important recreation related work on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. In 2008, REA funds were used to garner State grants totaling over \$300,000. These funds were used to hire trail maintenance crews and make storm damage related repairs. Additional leverage was obtained when fee revenues were used to fund work with various partner organizations. Forest crews worked closely with about two dozen partner organizations.



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Accomplishments



### Recreation Pass Revenues

- Provided maintenance, security and compliance patrols at 109 trailheads, 10 picnic sites and a boat launch.
- Maintained approximately 650 miles of trail.
- Completed cleaning and maintenance tasks on 70 trailhead toilets.
- Staffed the Heather Meadows Visitor Center during the summer season assisting over 11,000 walk-in visitors:
  - Provided ranger presence in this heavily used recreation area
  - Repaired and installed interpretive signs
  - Completed recreation site and trail maintenance tasks
  - Hosted interpretive programming



*Artist Ridge trailhead and viewpoint above Heather Meadows*

- Completed heavy log out on Downey Creek and Suiattle Trails.
- Funded the Skykomish crew who cleared hundreds of down logs and repaired 5 trail bridges damaged by the winter snow pack.
- Completed trail clearing of downed trees on Heliotrope Trail and installed a temporary bridge.



*Temporary bridge installed on Heliotrope Trail replaced snow damaged bridge*



## Contact



*Downey Creek Trail*

### Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

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- Funded a partnership with Earth Corp on the Snoqualmie District to improve the Dutch Miller and Melakwa Lake Trails.
- Complete avalanche and slide debris clearing from Lake 22 and Elliott Creek Trails.
- Supported a partnership with the Backcountry Horsemen resulting in downed tree removal from 30 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail and construction of a new bridge on the Silver Creek Trail.
- Funded volunteers from the Pacific Northwest 4 Wheel Drive Association to reconstruct a picnic shelter at Evans Creek.
- Supported continued work on Horseshoe Tunnel Trail with volunteers from Outdoor Washington.

### Partnerships Supported through Fee Revenues

Partnership agreements with Washington Trails Association, Volunteers for Outdoor Washington, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Northwest Youth Corps, Earth Corps, Backcountry Horsemen and other groups helped the Forest leverage over 50,000 hours of trail work.



*Volunteers repairing snow-damaged shelter at Evans Creek*



*New bridge on Silver Creek Trail built by Backcountry Horsemen of Washington*



### Cabin Rental Revenues

- Began road repairs on Evergreen Mountain rental cabin access road. Repairs will continue into 2009.



### Special Recreation Permit Revenues

- Provided visitor services and plowed roads with the revenues from the annual Christmas Tree program.

