



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Recreation Fees 2006

Forest Accomplishment Report  
Pacific Northwest Region



# Mt. Hood National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Golden Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$198,840	\$253,007	\$21,329	\$3,597	\$4,432	\$44
Colville	\$26,715	\$22,195	\$170	\$0	\$2,235	\$0
Deschutes	\$399,150	\$318,305	\$166,430	\$69,779	\$33,878	\$32,502
Fremont-Winema	\$41,754	\$54,471	\$44,035	\$15,099	\$1,868	\$0
Gifford Pinchot	\$847,428	\$989,226	\$21,846	\$100	\$106,978	\$100,525
Malheur	\$48,385	\$38,853	\$636	\$0	\$801	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$814,416	\$1,240,339	\$27,387	\$51,044	\$78,012	\$9,749
<b>Mt. Hood</b>	<b>\$347,049</b>	<b>\$327,815</b>	<b>\$20,997</b>	<b>\$240</b>	<b>\$10,797</b>	<b>\$32,548</b>
Ochoco	\$32,535	\$26,504	\$3,516	\$0	\$1,248	\$0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$674,612	\$477,215	\$66,430	\$19,018	\$17,812	\$865
Olympic	\$226,859	\$216,502	\$0	\$0	\$46,592	\$7,581
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$221,040	\$196,384	\$76,147	\$152	\$5,970	\$7,854
Siuslaw	\$1,744,937	\$1,618,199	\$40,280	\$4,178	\$15,306	\$7,964
Umatilla	\$78,099	\$106,181	\$13,177	\$2,744	\$1,490	\$0
Umpqua	\$324,650	\$309,884	\$11,707	\$4,816	\$2,599	\$4,649
Wallowa-Whitman	\$198,938	\$234,175	\$174,306	\$100,759	\$3,675	\$0
Willamette	\$213,473	\$228,882	\$48,523	\$3,225	\$10,385	\$16,544

## Recreation Fees Make a Difference in the Pacific Northwest

*Your fee dollars help provide a variety of recreation facilities and services at Forest Service recreation fee sites in Oregon and Washington. Whether you have concerns or kudos, we invite you to comment on how these funds are spent.*

Recreation fees -- it is your money and you should know what happens to it. The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), authorized in December 2004, recognized this and required all agencies to share accomplishments that occur on recreation fee sites.

Even prior to REA, the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region has been day-lighting how we have used funds through individual Forest Accomplishment Reports and on-site signing. We work hard to ensure you know where the money goes and to 'grow' the money by matching it with other funding sources such as grants or volunteer labor.

Because of REA, each Forest now retains 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.

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, friendly, helpful employees, 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 the recreation fee program coordinator, who is identified on the back of this report.

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

## Introducing a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee in the Pacific Northwest

New this year, you will have an additional opportunity to get involved in the recreation fee program.

A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Recreation RAC) is forming this year. The Recreation RAC is a group of citizens interested in recreation fees who will provide recommendations on Forest Service proposals for new fees or changing existing fees.

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



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### Mt. Hood National Forest Accomplishments

### Contact



#### Recreation Pass Revenues

- Maintained 95 miles of trails.
- Awarded a contract for site restoration and improvement at Frenches Dome, a popular rock climbing venue in the Forest (see photo).
- Plowed snow to access Billy Bob snow-park, a winter portal for snowmobile enthusiasts on the east-side of the Forest.
- Performed horticultural restoration work to preserve historic maple trees at Tollgate day-use area. The “Barlow Road Tollgate Maples” have been dedicated as part of the Oregon Heritage Tree Program.



#### Lodging Rental Revenues

- Supported volunteer hosts at Clackamas Lake Guard Station. The hosts gave tours of the historic guard station, provided visitor information for the Timothy Lake Recreation Area, and provided on-site management for the Clackamas Lake Guard Station Ranger House lodging rental. Recreation Enhancement Fund (REA) fees provided a stipend for the volunteers and funded supplies for the Ranger House operation and maintenance.



#### Campground Revenues

- Operated and maintained 24 rustic campgrounds. REA fees were used to fund seasonal employees and purchase supplies.

#### Golden Passport Revenues

- Conducted tours of historic Timberline Lodge. Tours were led by volunteers. Interpretive program was coordinated and managed by a seasonal interpreter hired with REA funds and a grant from Clackamas County Tourism Development Council.



Base of Frenches Dome (before restoration work).



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