



Gifford Pinchot 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
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. Current fee proposals may be found on this web site for upcoming Recreation RAC meetings.

Climbing Gifford Pinchot's Mountains

Climbers purchased more than 14,000 permits for Mount St. Helens and Mt. Adams in 2008. Funding from these permits supported and enhanced a variety of services associated with climbing. Climbing rangers worked throughout the entire season at Mount St. Helens and during the summer season at Mt. Adams. These rangers supported search and rescue missions and assisted in the wildfire-related evacuation of 200 climbers. Climbers at Mt. Adams also received 7,000 bags for the 'pack out waste' program. Finally REA funding also helped maintain and improve access roads, trailheads and trails to major climbing routes.



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Gifford Pinchot Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

- Operated and maintained recreation sites including hazard tree removal, sign repair and replacement at 21 trailheads, 3 picnic and 10 interpretive sites; completed trail maintenance
- Provided law enforcement and security at all sites.
- Ape Cave Revenues
 - Provided 192 interpretive tours to over 2600 visitors.
 - Hosted 1,889 students on 33 field trips to Ape Cave.



Ape's Headquarters



Interpretive Presentation at Ape Cave



Campground Revenues

- Provided maintenance, compliance and enforcement patrols, and campground hosts at 8 campgrounds.
- Repaired corrals, horse trough water system, shelter and toilets at Kalama Horse Camp.
- Replaced picnic tables and toilet ventilation systems at Lower Falls campground.



Recreation Rental Revenues

- Refinished wood floors and constructed custom furniture for Peterson Prairie Guard Station.
- Provided inspections and cleaning, propane and firewood for Government Mineral Springs and Peterson Prairie Guard Stations year-round.



Cascade Volcanoes Climbing Program Revenues

- Expanded the Mountain Steward Program on Mount St. Helens from 2 to 8 stewards.
- Provided weekly information updates on-line, and brochures and maps to climbers. Provide information to climbers 7 days a week at Mt. Adams Ranger District office.



Mount St. Helens Monument Pass Revenues

- Staffed Johnston Ridge Observatory Visitor Center from May to November, received approximately 500,000 visits.
 - Provided plaza and roving interpretive programs to over 65,000 visitors.
 - Hosted over 9,000 students on 171 field trips.
- Updated brochures, maps and interpretive exhibits.

Contact



Interpretive talk, Johnston Ridge Observatory, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

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