



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Recreation Fees 2006

## Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



# Wallowa-Whitman 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
Mt. Hood	\$347,049	\$327,815	\$20,997	\$240	\$10,797	\$32,548
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
<b>Wallowa-Whitman</b>	<b>\$198,938</b>	<b>\$234,175</b>	<b>\$174,306</b>	<b>\$100,759</b>	<b>\$3,675</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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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## Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Accomplishments



### Recreation Pass Revenues

- Supported 1150 hours of volunteer time for operations, maintenance and visitor services from 8 trailheads.
- Maintained 120 miles of trail with volunteers and seasonal staff.
- Routinely cleaned 19 sites throughout 4-6 month season.
- Tested water and provide HOST at Oregon Trail at Blue Mtn Crossing Trailhead and Picnic Area throughout summer season.



### Cabin Rental Revenues

- 220 hours of volunteer time for operations, maintenance and visitor services at Two Color Guard Station (GS) and Christmas Creek cabin.
- Christmas Creek Cabin – setup new boat moorings, painted outbuildings, removed tree/brush around buildings, mowed lawn, and purchased some new bed frames.
- Two Color GS, Antlers, Anthony Lake GS, Peavy Cabin – Water testing for 5 months (except Peavy Cabin), annual propane testing, complete and annual safety review and pre-operational cleaning of cabin.



### Campground Revenues

- 9760 hours of Campground HOST volunteer time for operations, maintenance and visitor services at 17 campgrounds.
- Annual pre-operational hazard tree inspections and mitigation at 39 sites.
- Pittsburg Campground - Painted 14 tables, the pumphouse and 3 restrooms; painted & repaired 14 sun shades, routine annual maintenance of water system, tested and operated water system for 6 months.
- Installed entrance gates at Spool Cart and Birdtrack Campgrounds.
- Painted information boards Blackhorse, Coverdale, Hidden, Indian Crossing, Lick Creek, and Ollokot Campgrounds.



### Special Use Permit Revenues

- Reimbursed volunteers for 3 months for site security, site operations & maintenance, and visitor contact at Cache Creek and Kirkwood Historic Ranches.
- Staffed seasonal float patrol for 3 months to provide visitor contacts, and campsite cleanup, and Supplemented staffing of jetboat patrol to provide visitor contacts.
- Seasonally staffed Hells Canyon Creek and Pittsburg Launch.
- Administered short term special use permit such as Cycle Oregon (2000+ riders) and Bike Oregon in support of local tourism.

### Oregon Trail at Blue Mountain Crossing



## Contact



Cycle Oregon XIX riders resting at Anthony Lake

## Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Online:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w/recreation/nwforestpass.shtml>

### Pacific Northwest Region

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