THE OUTDOOR ECONOMY

VISITORS TO NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS GIVE BACK IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC VITALITY OF ORGEON

$599 Million spent annually in communities around National Forests in Oregon.

$756 million in labor income

18,190 year-long jobs supported by recreation

MOST POPULAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES

VISITORS REPORT CHOOSING ACTIVITIES THAT IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND/OR SPIRITUAL WELLBEING.

HIKING/WALKING 52%
VIEWING NATURE 39%
RELAXING 32%
VIEWING WILDLIFE 31%
SCENIC DRIVING 25%
CAMPING 12%

National Forests
NATURE’S BENEFITS

National Forests and grasslands are treasured for their recreation settings and opportunities. People are visiting them in record numbers to hike, camp, canoe, ski, and much more. Outdoor recreation provides countless health and social benefits as residents and visitors connect with nature and each other.

National Forest recreation also strongly contributes to the economic vitality of rural, gateway communities. The Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region (Oregon and Washington) contributes nearly 7 million directly and indirectly annually to the economy, benefiting local businesses in neighboring communities and society as a whole.

The growing, changing population and steadily increasing levels of recreation pose many challenges. In order to sustain and expand quality recreation opportunities, we are working with communities, other agencies, and public and private groups to find creative ways to address these challenges. Together we deliver recreation experiences that engage and connect present and future generations to the natural world and inspire responsibility to care for it.

SOURCES:
Facilities: Infrastructure (INFRA) Database (2019)
Permits, Concessions, Special Uses: Special Uses Database (SUDS) (2019)
Economic Values: FY 2019 Economic Contributions from National Forests and Grasslands Methodology and Summary Report
Outdoor recreation is the largest single use of National Forest lands and has become an essential part of our American culture. The Forest Service manages 15 million acres of National Forest lands in Oregon and over 2,500 world-class outdoor recreation areas, facilities, and programs across the state. There is something for everyone in your National Forest!

- **10,117,100** annual visits
- **508** day-use sites
  - 364 picnic sites
  - 82 boating sites
- **15,019** miles of trails
  - 8,424 miles non-motorized
  - 6,572 miles motorized
- **593** campgrounds
  - **9,686** campsites
- **47** wild & scenic rivers
  - **1,100** river miles
- **42** wilderness areas
  - **2,301,694** acres
- **19** resorts
- **19** permitted outfitters & guides
- **361** rental cabins/lookouts
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