

Deschutes National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

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Newberry Celebrates 25 Years



Tribal dancers at one of the monument celebration events

To celebrate its designation as a National Volcanic Monument, staff at Newberry held a year of activities, events and programs. The Forest used \$25,000 in recreation fee funds to coordinate, organize and host the events, which included Jr. Ranger, Earth Cache, and Volcanic Wonders programs. In addition, Newberry spruced up with new interpretive panels, accessibility improvements, facility painting, sign replacement, reconstruction of the Lava River Cave stone stairs, and restroom painting.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations will benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Transit to Lava Butte

While Lava Butte has been attracting more and more visitors, limited parking at the top has restricted both the number of people and amount of time they could visit. A new shuttle service, supported by recreation fee funds, is now available during moderate to peak use periods. This service reduces visitor wait time to access the

Butte and reduced the carbon footprint. It also offers safer biking and hiking opportunities.



Cascades East Transit shuttle service reduces traffic and supports increased visitation

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$699,567
Special Uses	\$221,853
Interagency Passes	\$52,498
Total	\$973,918
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$227,049
Visitor Services	\$320,988
Law Enforcement	\$49,968
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$91,522
Total	\$689,528

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

Additional Accomplishments

Newberry National Volcanic Monument

- Served over 250,000 visitors.
- Contacted 33,000 visitors via volunteer rangers.
- Partnered with Discover Your Forest on 53,000 copies of "Volcanic Vistas" and 20,000 copies of the Monuments 25th anniversary guide.
- Refurbished large wood site identification sign for Lava Lands Visitor Center.
- Added 16 days to Lava Lands and Lava River Cave's open season, as well as expanded Paulina Visitor Center's season into October.
- Created a new web application focused on the Monument's Volcanic Wonders.

maintenance, toilet vault pumping, trash can and dumpster service at all recreation fee sites including, boating, picnic, trailhead and campground sites.

- Removed hazards from all recreation fee sites.
- Improved roads used by Cascade Triathlon and several other permitted road bike race events.
- Serviced and maintained rental cabins.



Crews refinished Big Obsidian Flow amphitheater

Developed Sites:

- Conducted site



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Pacific Northwest Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$8,937,597
Special Uses	\$950,614
Interagency Passes	\$794,329
Total	\$10,682,540
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,252,920
Visitor Services	\$2,322,206
Law Enforcement	\$335,340
Habitat Restoration	\$9,517
Fee Agreements	\$13,011
Cost of Collections	\$1,046,559
Total	\$7,982,553

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