



Fremont-Winema National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

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2014 Share the Experience

Forest Service



Historic Site Restored



Boy Scouts, Lakeview High School, Bureau of Land Management and Bly Community Action Team volunteered at Mitchell Monument.

National Public Lands Day saw over 50 volunteers supporting Mitchell Monument, the only site on the continent where death resulted from enemy action during World War II. Six fatalities occurred on May 5th, 1945 as a result of a Japanese launched balloon bomb. Volunteers cleared and resurfaced trails, planted trees, piled debris, and improved access to the monument.

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.

Fremont Cabin Returns

Poised on the edge of an escarpment at almost 3,000 feet above Summer Lake, the original Fremont Point Cabin, the Forest's most popular cabin, burned to the ground during the Winter Rim Fire in 2002. Thanks to generous public donations including money, materials and labor, and recreation fee funds of \$2,400, the Forest completed construction of a new cabin.



Finishing touches to the "new" Fremont Point cabin

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$73,320
Special Uses	\$809
Interagency Passes	\$3,371
Total	\$77,500
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$43,173
Visitor Services	\$7,161,
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$2,308
Total	\$52,643

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

A Tale of Two Trails

Varney Creek Trail in the Mountain Lakes Wilderness experienced a severe wind event in 2014, resulting in numerous trees falling across the trail and destroying the bridge at the Varney Creek crossing. With 12 volunteers from Back Country Horsemen, the Forest cleared the trail of debris, removed the damaged bridge, and constructed a new bridge.

The Forest also reopened the historic 11-mile Hanan Trail, named for an early settler of the Summer Lake Valley, who followed a route used by Native Americans during seasonal migrations. Hanan used this trail as a pack route and stock driveway from the 1870s until he was killed by a runaway team of horses in 1906.

The wide-spread mortality of local lodge pole stands has made the trail incredibly difficult to follow and hike. With labor provided by local volunteers, the Northwest Youth Conservation Corps trail crew, and several funding sources including recreation fee revenue, the Forest reopened this trail in September of 2015.



Varney Creek Bridge Project



Historic Hanan Trail



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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

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