

# Mt. Hood National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

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### Clear Lake, Flag Point and 5 Mile Lookouts

The Forest has three lookouts, Clear Lake, Flag Point and 5 Mile, all located at high elevations, that visitors can rent. These rentals give visitors a sense of what it's like to be a fire lookout in remote and strikingly beautiful locations. All three lookouts were originally built in the 1920s and 1930s, but were replaced between 1950 and 1973. Because these sites are at high elevations, they are exposed to harsh conditions and require heavy annual maintenance.

Whenever repairs are needed, the Forest uses appropriate materials and techniques to maintain the character of these historic buildings. For example, recently the Forest had all the exterior windows re-glazed by hand for Clear Lake and Flag Point. Panes, putty and wood frames all replicate historic techniques.

In addition to structural maintenance, the Forest installed a new stove and oven at Flag Point lookout and gave all three new mattresses and fresh paint for their woodsheds



White pasque flower in the Mt. Hood Wilderness

### 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.

### Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$467,819
Special Uses	\$54,353
Interagency Passes	\$35,962
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$558,134</b>
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$203,888
Visitor Services	\$30,711
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$15,875
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,473</b>

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

## Additional Accomplishments

### Trailheads and Trails

- Removed down trees on trails, brushed and cleared vegetation, and maintained trail tread.
- Cleaned, painted and repaired facilities, maintained signs, collected garbage, and pumped toilets.
- Installed safety signs for bikers and hikers at Government Camp.
- Replaced stolen trailhead sign, fixed fencing and installed picnic tables at Frenches Dome.
- Replaced signs along Salmon River Trail and restored sites along the river access points.
- Installed river safety signs and improved horse ford at Ramona Falls Trailhead.
- Repaired fencing on switchbacks near Mirror Lake.
- Replaced boardwalk and box culvert and repaired 60 feet of turnpike and 64 feet of approaches on Trillium Lake trail.



*Mt. Hood*



*Trillium Lake trail and boardwalk repairs*

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,682,540</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,982,553</b>

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