

Ochoco National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

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Cold Springs Guard Station

Cold Springs Guard Station rests in a serene corner of a dry meadow near Big Summit Prairie. Historically, it served a special role as a switchboard station connecting phone calls between Prineville and Paulina, and to various fire lookouts and guard stations. Visitors can view the surrounding old growth ponderosa pine, sagebrush meadows and seasonal wildflowers. Nearby they can find hiking, mountain biking, and fishing opportunities.

The Forest is working to ensure this historic cabin retains its integrity by addressing repairs and replacements such as the aging roof. In 2015, the Forest refurbished the horseshoe pit, painted the picnic tables and removed hazard trees.



Cold Springs maintenance



Cold Springs Guard Station

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	\$42,487
Special Uses	\$21,667
Interagency Passes	\$1,800
Total	\$65,954
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$21,775
Visitor Services	\$9,817
Law Enforcement	\$1,491
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$3,579
Total	\$36,662

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

Additional Accomplishments

Developed Campgrounds

- Conducted general operations and maintenance tasks.
- Pumped, cleaned, removed graffiti, repaired windows and painted vault toilets.
- Removed hazard trees.
- Repaired livestock exclusion fences at Wildcat and Deep Creek campgrounds.
- Installed new fire rings at Sugar Creek campground.
- Brushed out the road to Wolf Creek campground to maintain vehicle and trailer access.
- Worked with Youth Conservation Corps crew to maintain campground facilities, which included: cleaning fire pits, removing ground debris and litter, and repairing fences.



Hazard tree abatement



Staining a picnic table



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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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