

Siuslaw National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

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2014 Share the Experience

Forest Service



Sign Design Contest



New student-designed signs will be seen on the Oregon Dunes.

Hannah Smoldt knows first-hand that signs can be overlooked when visitors recreate within the Oregon Dunes. The fourth-grader from Mapleton Elementary School was one of three award winners in a contest for kids to create signs encouraging visitors to protect natural resources on the Dunes. Her sign depicts rolling dunes along with sensitive plant and bird species.

“When people see my sign, I hope they’ll stay out of areas where they’re not supposed to go because I like the animals and want them to be alive,” she said. About 50 fourth graders participated in the contest. The winners’ signs were reproduced and placed throughout the Dunes.

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.

High Tide at Sandbeach

High tides washed away 20 campsites at Sandbeach Campground as a result of several winter storms in 2011. The Forest restored this lost opportunity within the Sand Lake Recreation Area by adding 20 campsites to East Dunes Campground. With funding from a \$379,832 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ATV grant, \$40,000 of appropriations and \$13,100 in recreation fee revenue, the Forest installed a vault toilet, vehicle barriers and fencing.



East Dunes
Campground
Expansion

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,519,180
Special Uses	\$80,657
Interagency Passes	\$37,794
Total	\$1,637,631
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$768,771
Visitor Services	\$251,757
Law Enforcement	\$78,649
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$288,078
Total	\$1,387,255

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

Additional Accomplishments

- Staffed and operated Cape Perpetua Visitor Center. Offered walks and talks, and hosted the artist-in-residence sessions to help visitors channel a love for the outdoors into artistic creations.
- Repaired a main waterline break servicing flush toilets, shower and water faucets in the Siltcoos Recreation Area.
- Redesigned and upgraded OHV access and visitor information kiosks at Umpqua Beach #3 and Sand Lake.
- Restriped pavement at West Winds campground and day use area.
- Replaced 100 feet of retaining walls in Horsfall Beach campground.
- Hosted an annual Free Fishing Day event at Hebo Lake campground.
- Maintained 4.1 miles of trail along Hebo Lake Loop, Holman Vista and Drift Creek trails.
- Published the Cape Perpetua trail map, Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area guide and Forest camping, hiking and day use opportunities brochure.
- Leveraged \$250,000 of OHV partnership funds from Oregon Parks and Recreation to maintain OHV riding and sand camping areas.
- Administered 9 outfitter and guide permits for motorized tours, horseback riding and hiking; and 10 recreation events including bicycle and foot races, an ultramarathon, motor club rides, and a multi-day Dunes Fest.



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Educating youth at Cape Perpetua



Toilet installation at East Dunes

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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