

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

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Dock Decked Out

Each year thousands of visitors unload and walk up the dock to visit Hells Canyon's Cache Creek Historic Ranch on their way up the Wild and Scenic Snake River. Volunteers greet them as they relax at the shady ranch and learn more about the canyon at the small museum. This dock is also used by many commercial outfitters with larger parties so having a safe facility is critical. In the last few years high flows and floods have taken their toll on the aging structure. In 2015, river rangers rebuilt the

dock decking, sides, and visitor kiosk. The new structure looks great and is now be ready for the next season's river visitors.



River rangers rebuild the main dock at Cache Creek Historic Ranch

Another Close Call



Moss Springs Campground picnic table had a close call with a tree

Each year recreation crews inspect campgrounds and trailheads for hazards or damage that occurred since the last season. They diligently remove these hazards and repair damage to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors. Fallen trees can ruin items like tables, fire rings and camping pads.

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	\$141,056
Special Uses	\$142,293
Interagency Passes	\$4,130
Total	\$287,479
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$123,141
Visitor Services	\$151,413
Law Enforcement	\$10,020
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$13,739
Total	\$298,314

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue.

Additional Accomplishments

- Supported 840 hours of volunteer service at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Park.
- Maintained 55 miles of trails in the Eagle Cap Wilderness with the assistance of the Blue Mountain Back Country Riders volunteers.
- Resealed vent and vault base at McCully Creek Trailhead toilet.
- Repaired collapsed outhouse roof at Irondyke Campground.
- Replanted native seedlings and transplants in impacted areas near Moss Springs Campground.
- Contacted visitors and administered outfitter special use permits for jetboat use on Wild and Scenic Snake River for four months.
- Administered and monitored over 35 outfitter and guide operations under special use permit.
- Monitored one snowmobile and dog sled race in Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.



Repaired information board at the North Fork Catherine Creek Trailhead



Bowman-Francis Trailhead- leading into the Eagle Cap Wilderness

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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.