



# Gifford Pinchot National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2020

### Digital Mt. Adams Climbing Pass

In 2020, the sale of the Mount Adams Climbing Pass was successfully transitioned to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), available as a digital pass. Previously, visitors would purchase a climbing pass in person at the Mount Adams Ranger District. Now visitors can purchase their Climbing Pass online, a great convenience to many visitors. Close to 8,000 climbers safely ascended Mount Adams in 2020, thanks to support provided by recreation fee funds from climbing permits.

Up-to-date information on climbing conditions and weather are provided on the forest website. Additional information and climber services are provided at the South Climb Trailhead.

Four mountain rangers assisted climbers throughout the season, aided in eight search and rescue missions and packed out over 180 pounds of trash from the climbing route. Approximately \$97,000 in recreation fees funds were collected, over 90% of the Mount Adams climbing program operations.



*Mount Adams Wilderness Climbing Rangers participating in Search and Rescue training*

### 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 benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.



*Mt. Adams from Trout Lake*



## Other Accomplishments

- Funded operations and maintenance of the 15 Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument interpretive day use fee sites.
- Operated and maintained 14-day use sites.
- Performed safety inspections and removed hazard trees at all day use fee sites.
- Hosted the Timberland Regional Library's Story Trail at Woods Creek Watchable Wildlife Interpretive Site.
- Operated ten fee campgrounds and horse camps.
- Two historic rental cabins were available to rent in 2020.
- Kalama Horse Camp was successfully moved to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) for reservations (starting in the 2021 season).
- Christmas Tree Permits were made available on [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) in 2020. Just under 6,000 permits were sold in person and through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), for a revenue of approximately \$27,800.



## Regional Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$1,220,456	\$9,471,377
Special Uses	\$83,461	\$790,291
Interagency Passes	\$57,574	\$596,384
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,361,491</b>	<b>\$10,858,052</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$592,491	\$6,661,939
Visitor Services	\$931,195	\$4,570,429
Law Enforcement	\$7,344	\$202,074
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$144,521
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$0
Collections/Overhead	\$9,956	\$1,295,453
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,540,986</b>	<b>\$12,874,416</b>