

Message from the Forest Supervisor



Gifford Pinchot, the founder of the USDA Forest Service said, our role in the Forest Service is “to find the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run.” We cannot meet this goal alone. Working with our valuable partners, communities, collaborators and volunteers we are better able to meet our mission of caring for the land and serving people.

When I reflect upon the accomplishments of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in 2014 I view our success by how we value the “people” who care so much about the forest and communities, and how we value the “place” we all enjoy and want to share with future generations.

Janine Clayton

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor

(Figures are from 10/1/2013 – 9/30/2014)



- The forest completed 11 timber sales and stewardship contracts plus several small firewood sales for a total of over 35 million board feet sold.
- The forest issued over 10,000 special forest product permits for a total value of over \$850,000.
- Dedicated volunteers contributed over 43,000 hours of time and, along with partners, contributed over \$2.0 million in value to help accomplish forest goals and objectives.
- Over 12,000 people visited our Forest Service offices’ to purchase permits and discover the amazing opportunities the forest has to offer.

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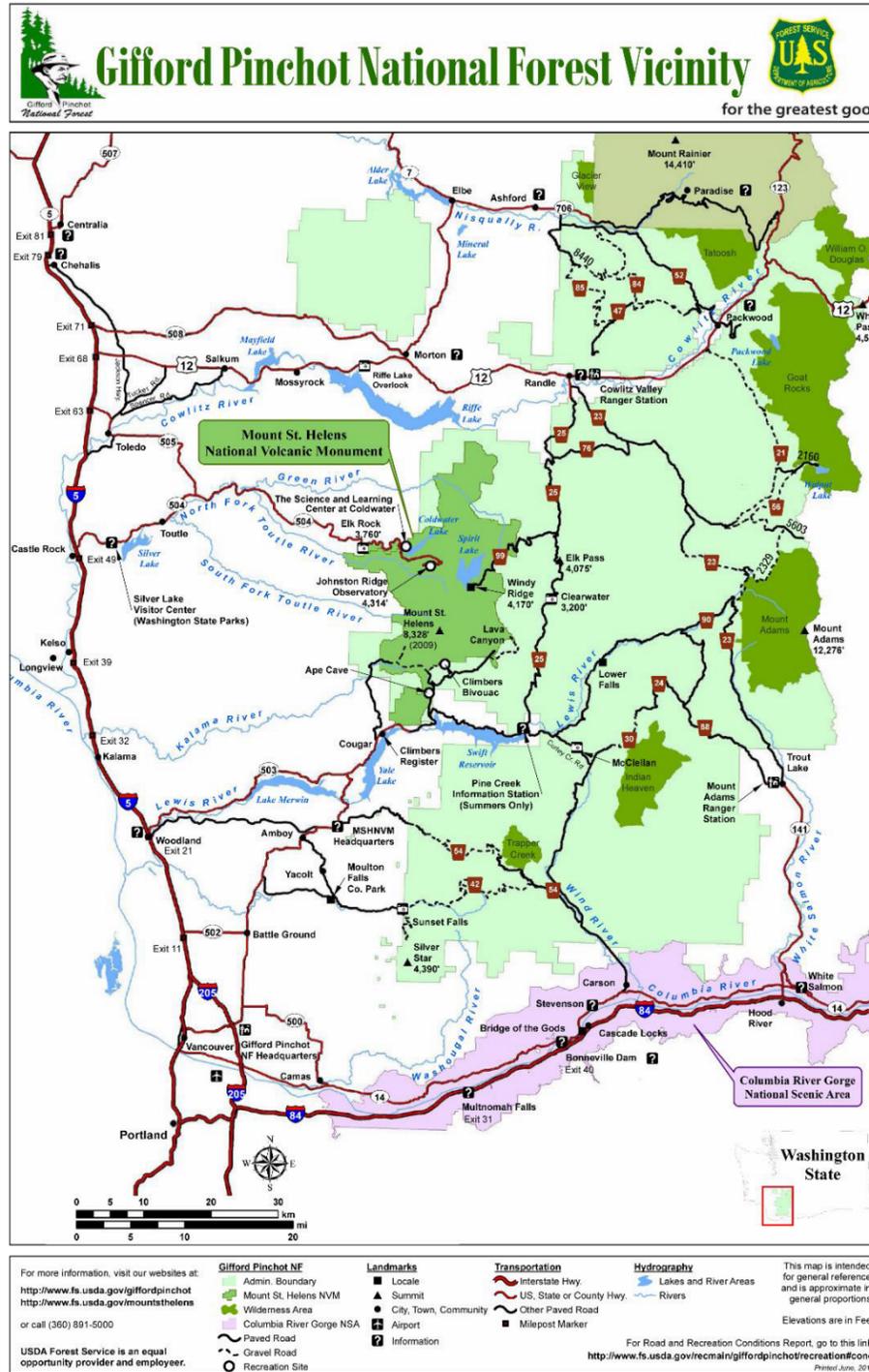
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CARING FOR THE LAND AND SERVING PEOPLE



gifford pinchot NATIONAL FOREST 2014

We ensure our work remains relevant to our public and our workforce feels valued in their contributions by focusing on these three arenas.

RESTORATION AND STEWARDSHIP

“Caring for the Land”

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

“...Serving People”

BEING AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

is how we go about achieving our mission

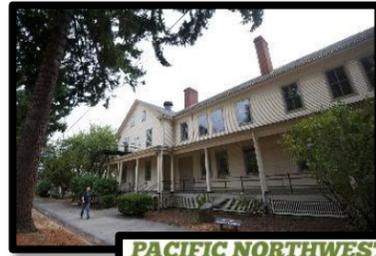


for the greatest good

# A LOOK BACK AT 2014 - VALUING PEOPLE - VALUING PLACE

## JANUARY

- Progress continues with the Forest Headquarters move to the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in 2016.



## FEBRUARY

- The Gifford Pinchot and Mount Hood National Forests participated in the 2014 Sportsmen's Show.



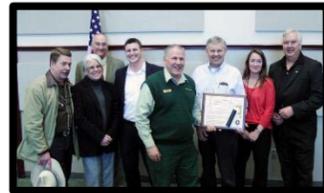
## MARCH

- BackCountry Horsemen volunteers help with removal of damaged bridge and building of new bridge over Covel Creek.



## APRIL

- Transfer of ownership of the SR-504 power line to the Cowlitz County PUD was completed to open up the corridor to new economic development.
- White Pass Discovery Team and Forest Youth Success programs select students from local counties to spend the summer working on forest and community projects that benefit the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.



## MAY

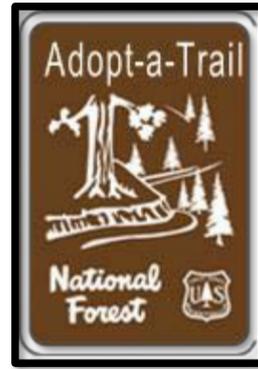
- White Pass Elementary students visit the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District office to learn about what we do and exciting opportunities for a career with the Forest Service.

## JUNE

- Smokey Bear attends premier of "Planes: Fire and Rescue" at Regal Cinemas in Vancouver to celebrate his 70th birthday and share his message of wildfire prevention.



- Over 5,000 people attended the sixth annual National Get Outdoors Day event at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site where families learn about and try fun and healthy outdoor activities.



- Forest Service retirees (OGWBS - Old Guys Who Build Stuff) and Mount St. Helens Institute employees reconstruct and adopt (OGWBS) a portion of the Lewis River Trail to enhance user safety.
- Working with many partners hundreds of children and adults enjoy free fishing days at Trout Creek, Lake Merwin and Lake Scanewa.



## JULY

- Work continues with the Cowlitz and Yakama tribes in many arenas including huckleberry restoration and fire management.



## AUGUST

- Volunteers from the Pacific Crest Trail Association, Washington Trails Association, Student Conservation Association, Mount St. Helens Institute, and several mountain bike organizations improved access to many forest trails used by forest visitors.

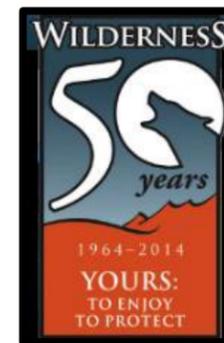


## SEPTEMBER

- The Volcano View Trail officially opened on National Public Lands Day with volunteers from the Washington Trails Association and the Mount St. Helens Institute.



- Celebrated 50 years of the Wilderness Act with numerous events and celebrations including "Art of the Wild", a juried



art show in Hood River and a Wilderness 50th booth at the Packwood Labor Day Flea Market.

## OCTOBER

- Planted 500 white bark pine seedlings in an area burned by the 2012 Cascade Creek Fire to evaluate the tree's long term resistance to white pine blister rust.
- Forest hosted screening of "Project Wild Thing" at Johnston Ridge Observatory (JRO). British filmmaker



David Bond visited JRO as part his U.S. tour for sharing his feature-length documentary that looks at the complex issue of the increasing disconnection between children, parents and nature.



## NOVEMBER

- Continue to build strong relationships with Pinchot Partners and South Gifford Pinchot collaborative groups for greater efficiencies, new ideas and development of a strategy for utilizing retained funds from stewardship sales for forest projects.



## DECEMBER

- High school students from local communities presented aquatic and terrestrial data from Mount St. Helens at Washington State University-Vancouver.

- White Pass Historical Society secured grant funds to help with preservation of High Rock Lookout.



- Inside finish work is completed on the historic Willard Tool Shed (cabin) which was saved and moved to Peterson Prairie in the fall. The cabin is scheduled to become a rental in 2015.