

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Forest Service



Eagle Creek Overlook

The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed the Eagle Creek Overlook in the 1930s to allow visitors to watch the construction of Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. With its sturdy and beautiful masonry, the shelter at the Overlook is now considered a contributing feature of the national historic landmark as part of the Historic Columbia River Highway. The shelter includes restrooms, a fireplace room and covered porch with a grand view of the Columbia River and Table Mountain. In

2014, approximately \$10,000 of recreation fee revenue was used to repair windows damaged by vandalism and to restore the historic fireplace. Groups of up to 90 people can reserve the shelter for camping through www.recreation.gov.



Problem Trees to Tables

Several large Douglas-fir trees at the Eagle Creek Recreation Site had become infected by laminated root rot and had become hazards to visitors, requiring that they be cut. The trees still remain on site, but in a different form. Using

about \$4,000 of recreation fee revenue, the Recreation Staff recycled them by milling the sound portions into lumber and used to build 10 new picnic tables replacing old, deteriorated tables.



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.

Scenic Area Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$366,839
Special Uses	\$36,962
Interagency Passes	\$3,448
Total	\$407,249
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$144,113
Visitor Services	\$32,262
Law Enforcement	\$21,400
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$34,893
Total	\$232,668

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

Additional Accomplishments

Developed Recreation

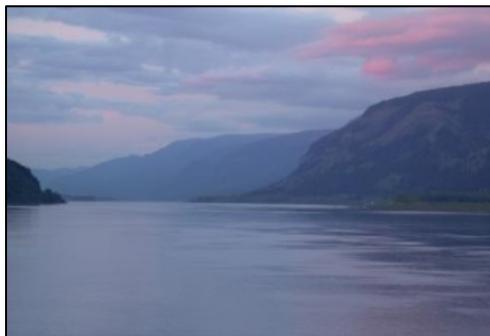
- Supported three campground hosts who donated over 5,000 hours of work at two campgrounds and one day use site. Volunteers cleaned campsites and restroom facilities, performed grounds and other minor facilities maintenance, and provided visitor information.
- Improved universal accessibility at 10 campsites by replacing picnic tables with barrier free tables, removing barriers and improving surfacing.

Trails

- Maintained over 76 miles of non-motorized trails, which included removing downed trees, clearing brush, and improving waterbars.
- Repaired and restored the Wauna Point trail #402 after a major slide.
- Reconstructed stairs on the Punchbowl Water Fall trail in the popular Eagle Creek area.
- Inspected and maintained seven trail bridges.

Recreation Special Uses

- Inspected and monitored 11 outfitting and guide permits and 10 recreation events.



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Pacific Northwest Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$8,093,920
Special Uses	\$860,137
Interagency Passes	\$588,744
Total	\$9,542,801
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$3,846,901
Visitor Services	\$2,659,639
Law Enforcement	\$392,687
Habitat Restoration	\$47,878
Fee Agreements	\$30,384
Cost of Collections	\$788,698
Total	\$7,766,187

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