

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2014 Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Forest Service



Cabins Offer a Taste of History

For almost 20 years the Forest has offered a variety of rental cabins for visitors wanting a different outdoor overnight experience. Historically, the Civilian Conservation Corps used some of the cabins as base stations and crews lived in others called "Forest Service Guard Stations". From these remote locations crews could build range fences, mark timber, and fight fires. As popular rentals they offer visitors luxuries such as running water, inside toilets, propane lights and gas heat for those cool fall nights. Recreation fee revenue funded the following enhancements:

- New bed covers, futon covers, kitchen equipment at Antlers, Peavy and Anthony Lake cabins.
- Repaired the water system and water damage inside of the Anthony Lakes cabin.
- Repaired the propane fireplace at the Anthony Lakes cabin.
- Supplied firewood for indoor heating and outdoor fire pit for the Peavy cabin.



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.

Backcountry Trailheads and Trails

In addition to annual operations and hazard tree removal:

- Accomplished 800 hours of volunteer service at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Park.
- Maintained 64 miles of trails in the Eagle Cap Wilderness with the assistance of the Blue Mountain Back Country Riders volunteers.
- Installed new information board and reconfigured the parking area at the Buck Creek Trailhead.



Replacing the information board at Buck Creek.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$146,210
Special Uses	\$136,861
Interagency Passes	\$3,780
Total	\$286,851
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$120,922
Visitor Services	\$110,479
Law Enforcement	\$10,250
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$14,054
Total	\$255,705

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

Volunteering in Hells Canyon

Kirkwood Historic Ranch offers a taste of canyon life in the 1930s. A museum displays the tools and ways of canyon ranching and a log bunkhouse contains prehistoric artifacts and interprets Native American use. Only the intrepid can visit the ranch; however, as it is accessible via the Snake River or the Snake River National Recreation Trail and offers only power from a generator. Volunteers, who do one month stays at Kirkwood Ranch, keep it well-maintained and share the history of the canyon and ranch with visiting hikers, horse groups and boaters. One remarkable volunteer, Judy, also assembled all of the volunteer assistance materials into one notebook, which includes interpretive information, directions and operating manuals. This work will benefit all future volunteers as well as thousands of yearly visitors. Recreation fee revenue supports the ranch and volunteer efforts each year.



Volunteer Judy with her month of supplies.



Pacific Northwest Region Map



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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

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