



Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region
Recreation Fees 2009

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area



Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use and value.

Accomplishments provided with recreation fees:

- Replaced restroom roof at the **Bridge of the Gods Trailhead**, painted exteriors of four campground comfort stations and four trailhead restrooms, and repaired three kiosks.
- Identified and removed hazard trees and completed maintenance tasks at 12 picnic areas and trailheads.
- Funded stipends and provided materials and supplies to campground hosts who completed maintenance tasks at two campgrounds and one day use site, and offered visitor information and assistance.
- Funded two employees to continue the trail patrol program; duties included public contact, compliance checks and routine maintenance of trailhead and recreation sites.
- Enhanced security with additional trail patrols at heavily visited sites in the Gorge: **Eagle Creek, Wahclella Falls, Dog Mountain** and **Larch Mountain**.
- Partnered with **the Next Door, Inc.** and **Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC)** to field a 12 person youth crew. The crew maintained 8.3 miles and reconstructed 0.7 miles of trail, and completed facility maintenance tasks at several recreation sites.
- Funded employees to lead the **Multnomah County Corrections Crew**. This crew removed downed trees, maintained trail tread, removed slide debris and cleared brush along 26.5 trail miles. Employees also coordinated additional volunteer work parties and completed trail maintenance tasks on another 24 miles of trail.
- Partnered with **West Virginia University** to conduct a recreation use survey of white water enthusiasts on the **White Salmon Wild and Scenic River**. The project also piloted development of innovative software to help recreation managers understand social carrying capacity.
- Supported administration and monitoring of outfitter and guide special use permits.

Special Feature

Providing opportunities for children and young adults to experience time outdoors is a Forest Service national goal. Fee funds support ongoing partnerships with **the Next Door, Inc.** and **Oregon Youth Conservation Corps**. These partnerships offer youth ages 16-20 years a chance to work outdoors for a summer. Not only does this work develop manual skills, the participants are also coached on resume completion and how to prepare for a job interview. High school credits are available to students who are interested in journaling their experiences.



Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$1,533
Recreation Fees	\$241,629
Special Uses	\$31,406
Total	\$274,567

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$212,378
Visitor Services	\$30,216
Law Enforcement	\$12,000
Cost of Collections	\$25,000
Total	\$279,594

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenues.



Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Projects Planned for 2010

- Reduce backlogged maintenance tasks at recreation sites.
- Continue to complete regular maintenance at picnic areas and trailheads; support trail reconstruction and maintenance activities.
- Continue recreation and natural resource monitoring efforts on the **White Salmon Wild and Scenic River** in preparation to reissue priority outfitter and guide special use permits in FY 10.



OYCC crew member working on Larch Mountain Trail.

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Pacific Northwest Region Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$466,827
Recreation Fees	\$7,804,057
Special Uses	\$666,971
Total	\$8,937,856

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,712,891
Visitor Services	\$2,208,014
Law Enforcement	\$290,664
Cost of Collections	\$896,979
Habitat Restoration	\$21,200
Fee Agreements	\$17,050
Total	\$7,146,798

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