

Caring for the Land and Serving People



Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region
Recreation Fees 2009

Deschutes National Forest



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:

General Day Use:

- Visited all 57 recreation sites (trailheads, picnic areas, and boat launches) about 7 times per week to clean-up sites, provide security patrols, provide conservation education and visitor information services, and conduct routine maintenance.
- Repaired three self-service pay stations.
- Provided portable toilets at three trailheads.
- Provided information on restoration efforts and wildflowers at a heavily used recreation site.
- Pumped all toilets as needed throughout the season.
- Removed hazard trees at multiple day use sites.

Newberry National Volcanic Monument:

- Delivered a total of 525 interpretative programs at **Lava Lands Visitor Center** and **Marten Lodge** on Mt. Bachelor serving a total of 10,745 individuals.
- Operated **Lava Lands Visitor Center** and **Lava Butte Day Use Site** for 142 days, and **Lava River Cave** and **Newberry Entrance Station** for 122 days.
- Cleaned and maintained 17 vault toilets during season.
- Delivered ranger interpretive talks and walks in **Newberry Caldera** reaching 2,966 participants. Also provided information and assistance to 5,713 visitors at the **Paulina Visitor Center**.
- Trained and coordinated 13 volunteers throughout the summer to provide interpretation, information, and assistance at the **Lava Lands Bookstore**.
- Conducted informal interpretive contacts at various locations including **Lava Lands Visitor Center**, **Mt. Bachelor**, and **Newberry Caldera**.
- Presented 168 school conservation education programs with volunteer and staff support. Contacted 5,501 individuals.
- Supported another 16 schools who visited the Monument for self-guided tours, which reached approximately 781 individuals.
- Conducted safety and compliance patrols.
- Distributed visitor information brochures and the "Volcanic Vistas" newspaper.

Special Feature

The water had to drop to finish the project, but now the **North Wickiup boat ramp** is complete and ready to ease boaters into the cool waters of Wickiup Reservoir. The ramp reaches further into the water than other ramps so it extends the boating season on the reservoir. Many thanks to the **Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife** and the **Oregon State Marine Board** for partnering with the Deschutes on this project.



Deschutes National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$39,883
Recreation Fees	\$593,160
Special Uses	\$134,433
Total	\$767,476

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$187,647
Visitor Services	\$294,543
Law Enforcement	\$38,530
Cost of Collections	\$74,738
Total	\$595,458

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

Deschutes National Forest accomplishments continued: Partnership Highlights:

- Provided \$35,000 of recreation fee revenue to continue reconstruction of the **Wickiup Boat Launch**. This project is a partnership between the **Forest Service, Oregon State Marine Board**, and the **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife**. The total cost of the reconstruction of this facility has been approximately \$550,000, with \$40,000 of recreation fee funds, \$160,000 of **Oregon State Marine Board** funds, and \$350,000 of **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife** funds. Work is expected to be completed in the fall of 2010. The public is very pleased with the improvements that have been made to this facility.
- Leveraged \$295,736 in aid and services, including book sales, recreation pass sales, lantern rentals, and donations through partnership with **Discover Your Northwest**.
- Received support and services through **Student Conservation Association** (SCA) partnership for conservation education staff for **Paulina Visitor Center**.
- Received financial support through a partnership with the **Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort** for interpretive and conservation education programs in both winter and summer seasons on the mountain.



Lava formed around a tree creating this culvert like formation in the Lava Cast Forest.

The Lava Lands Visitor Center, heavily supported through Recreation Pass sales, received new exhibits, which replaced exhibits that were over 15 years old.



Lava Lands received a new exhibit hall, named for Larry Chitwood, a geologist who dedicated his entire career to creating the Newberry National Volcanic Monument and enthusiastically teaching others about geology. Larry passed away in 2008 shortly after retiring from the Forest Service in 2007.



Deschutes National Forest Projects Planned for 2010

- Provide routine annual maintenance at day use sites.
- Provide cost share funding for the shared Director of Education position at **Lava Lands Visitor Center**.
- Provide interpretive services within the **Newberry National Volcanic Monument** at **Lava Lands Visitor Center, Lava River Cave, Paulina Visitor Center, Paulina Falls, Paulina Peak** and **Big Obsidian Flow**.
- Sustain partnerships with **Discover Your Northwest, Northwest Service Academy, Mt. Bachelor Inc.** and **community volunteers**.
- Maintain partnership for conservation education and interpretation with the **High Desert Museum** and the **Museum at Warm Springs**.
- Administer the outfitter and guide permits and recreation event permits.



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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

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