

Caring for the Land and Serving People



Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region
Recreation Fees 2009

Wallowa-Whitman 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:

- Funded stipends for campground hosts who completed cleaning and maintenance tasks, and provided visitor information and assistance at campgrounds and cabin rentals. These volunteers provided 38,000 hours of labor.
- Identified and removed hazard trees, tested water, and completed maintenance and cleaning tasks at fee sites.
- Repaired and painted picnic tables, toilet buildings, stock holding structures, and installed accessible ramps to toilet buildings at campgrounds and day use sites.
- Supported bi-weekly compliance patrols throughout the camping season at 47 sites.
- Repaired roof and host cabin at **Ollokot Campground**.
- Painted 14 sun/wind shelters, repaired and painted picnic tables, mowed tent pads and parking areas, and funded employees and volunteers to complete maintenance tasks and test water at **Pittsburg Campground**.
- Completed annual pre-season safety review, maintenance and cleaning tasks, and tested propane lines and water at **Two Color, Antlers** and **Anthony Lakes guard stations**. Installed a new propane refrigerator at **Anthony Lakes Guard Station**.
- Partnered with volunteers from **Blue Mountain Back Country Riders, Wallowa Resources**, and **Alpine Huts** and maintained 110 miles of trail in **Hells Canyon National Recreation Area**, and **Hells Canyon** and **Eagle Cap Wilderness** areas.
- Installed interpretive signs at **Bear Creek, Bowman-Francis, Indian Crossing, Hurricane, Maxwell, Two Pan, McCully, Buck Creek, Freezeout, Warnock Corrals**, and **PO Saddle trailheads**.
- Added vehicle parking barriers and installed accessible concrete ramp to the toilet at **McCully Trailhead**.
- Staffed key river access sites at **Hells Canyon Creek** and **Pittsburg Launch**.
- Designated three new accessible parking spaces at **Pittsburg Landing Boat Launch**. Constructed accessible concrete ramp and walkway at **Pittsburg Launch** information station.
- Constructed new trail footbridge on Kirkwood Creek for access to historic **Carter Mansion**.
- Increased administration and monitoring of key outfitter and guide permits; partially funded two employees to provide additional visitor contact and backcountry patrols.

Special Feature

Hells Canyon and the Wild and Scenic Snake River offer visitors amazing opportunities for adventure and exploration. Popular with visitors to the area are the **Kirkwood** and **Cache Creek historic ranches**. Volunteers, supported by fee funds, staff these sites year-round and provide information to 60,000 visitors and over 10,000 hours of service each year.



Visitors in front of Jordan House at Kirkwood Historic Ranch

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$3,928
Recreation Fees	\$126,703
Special Uses	\$121,539
Total	\$252,170

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$117,639
Visitor Services	\$86,145
Law Enforcement	\$16,900
Cost of Collections	\$22,500
Total	\$243,184

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



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Projects Planned for 2010

- Continue to provide stipends and support for volunteers and campground hosts, including hosts at **Cache Creek Ranch** and **Kirkwood Ranch**.
- Complete annual safety inspections and correct hazards, and complete maintenance and operational tasks at sites across the forest.
- Fund staff at **Pittsburg** and **Hells Canyon Creek boat launches** to provide visitor contact and site maintenance.
- Continue to support the 15 year partnership with **Blue Mountain Back Country Riders** to maintain and improve trails.
- Maintain key trailheads and trails used by outfitters and guides.
- Increase contact and monitoring of outfitter and guide permit holders in Wilderness areas and **Hells Canyon National Recreation Area**.
- Fund staff at four river portal sites heavily used by outfitters and guides and their clients and river patrol crews to provide visitor information, security, and law enforcement.
- Administer road-based recreation events that compliment local tourism and the scenic byway “niche” that Baker, Union and Wallowa counties are developing.
- Increase administration of recreation event permits such as snowmobile events, and annual dog sled races.
- Increase backcountry patrols and monitoring during peak outfitter seasons.



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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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