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Recreation Fees at Work

Mount Shasta Summit Single Climb Permit *Proposed Fee Increase*





Mount Shasta

An estimated 15,000 climbers attempt to summit the 14,162 ft ascent annually.

The area provides a variety of terrain and routes for beginners to advanced climbers.

There are 17 established routes to the summit.

Mount Shasta is the second highest volcano in the U.S.



Avalanche Gulch is considered one of the most popular climbs in the U.S.



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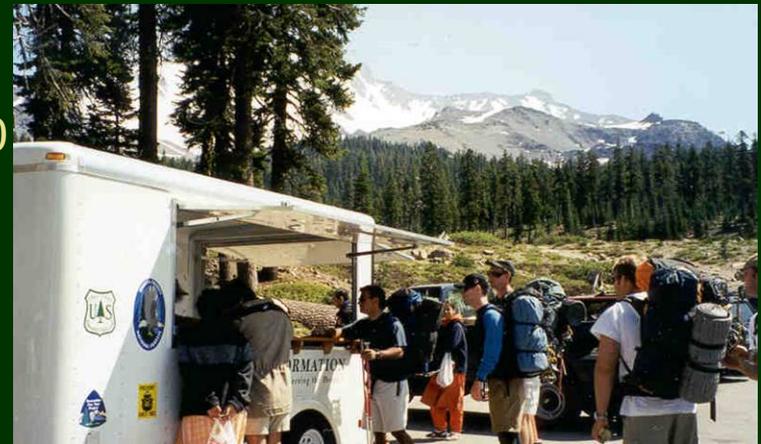
Mount Shasta Summit Single Climb Pass *Proposed Fee Increase*

Current Fee: \$15 for three days

Proposed Fee Increase: \$20 in 2008; \$25 in 2010

Last Increase: 1997

A \$30 Annual Pass is also available



Providing information to over 6,400 climbers

Annual Operation and Maintenance Costs: \$188,000

Current Annual Revenue: \$ 93,920

Predicted Annual Revenue: \$122,909



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How recreation fees are used:

Garbage Removal - 20 pounds from Mount Shasta

Human Waste Removal - 70 pounds from Mount Shasta and 2 tons from trailheads
15,000 human waste packout bags furnished to the public



Search and Rescue Operations – assisted in 22 (15 climbers)

Avalanche Safety Courses - 580 climbers

Maintain Mount Shasta Climbing **Website and Phone Line**

Information and Service - 6,400 climbers

Hosted two Interagency Helicopter Search and Rescue **Trainings**

95% of funds collected remain at Mount Shasta





Why increase fees?

- To meet rising costs of providing high quality visitor services

“The fee increase will help us maintain the level and quality of services people have come to expect.”

- Mike Hupp, District Ranger



**US Forest Service - Region 5
Recreation Fee Proposals - Fee Increases
Summary of Public Involvement**

Shasta-Trinity National Forest: Fee Increase Proposal

Includes public involvement efforts & comments as of October 1, 2007

Summary of Fee Proposals:

Site/Service	Current Price	Proposed Price
Mt. Shasta Summit Climbing Program	\$15 (single climb-3 day permit)/\$30 (annual permit)	\$20 (2008 single climb-3 day permit)/\$30 (annual permit-no change) \$25 (2010 single climb-3 day permit)

Public Participation Activities:

Public Participation Tasks	Date(s)
Posted notice at primary trailhead and Ranger Station offices inviting comments on proposed fee changes.	May 15, 2007
Published press release announcing proposed fee changes in the Redding Record Searchlight.	May 15, 2007
Article in San Francisco Chronicle.	May 27, 2007
News segment on National Public Radio with information about the proposed fee changes.	May 17, 2007 at 7:40 & 8:40 a.m.
Posted information on proposed fee changes on forest's web sites.	May 2007
Sent press release and e-mail, follow-up phone call to Congressman Herger's office.	June 11 & 14, 2007

Public Participation Results:

Method of Communication	Summary of Comments- as of 10/1/07
Posted On-site Notices	None received
Press Releases & Radio News Story	Phone call from Opinion Page Editor from Redding Record Searchlight who was neutral on fee increase on Mt. Shasta. Phone call from SF Chronicle who felt there are too many people on Mt. Shasta, really wants to see a quota system.
Forest Web Site Posting	None received
Elected Officials Briefing	Declined a briefing and stated "ok" with fee increase.