

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Fiscal Year in Review — 2010



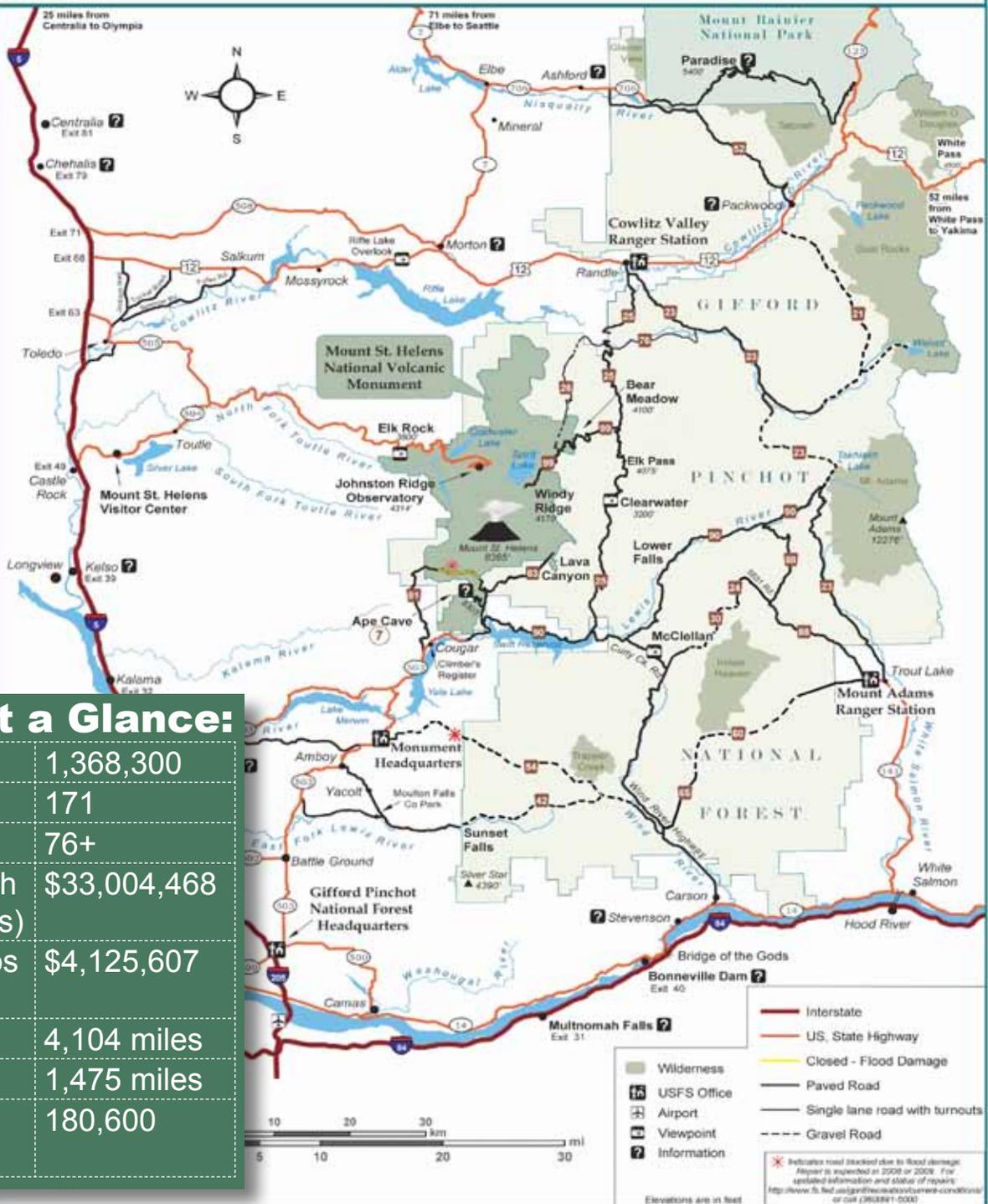
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Gifford Pinchot National Forest Vicinity



GPNF at a Glance:

Acres	1,368,300
Employees	171
Rec. Sites	76+
Budget (with ARRA funds)	\$33,004,468
Partnerships	\$4,125,607
Value	
Roads	4,104 miles
Trails	1,475 miles
Wilderness acres	180,600

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This map is intended for general reference and is approximate in general proportions.

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From the Forest Supervisor

Rumbling heavy equipment, whirring drills, clanging shovels and beeping cranes are some of the sounds Gifford Pinchot National Forest visitors heard in 2010. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded projects invigorated economies and accomplished much needed work on the GPNF. All of us at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest are honored to be part of implementing the Recovery Act. Nearly every developed site at Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, including Johnston Ridge Observatory, Ape Cave, Pine Creek Information Station, Windy Ridge and many others were made safer and more informative to enhance visitor experiences.

I invite you to read on about the natural resource, recreation, fire and other programs that deliver the mission of your National Forest.

As you make your plans to visit the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, please take a moment and look at the improved trails, interpretive signs, roads, bridges and many facilities that brought people back to work and will continue to contribute to local economies for years to come while allowing us to better care for this invaluable piece of our common heritage.



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Introduction

Two volcanic mountains, stunning backcountry scenery and a multitude of streams, rivers and lakes help make up the 1.3 million acre Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF). Two Ranger Districts (Cowlitz Valley and Mt. Adams) and a National Volcanic Monument (Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument) comprise the GPNF, which operates on a budget of \$20 million per fiscal year (FY). In 2010, the Forest received an additional \$15 million for Recovery Act and National Priority List projects, all helping to support your National Forest.

More than one million visitors recreate on the forest annually, visiting the 110,000 acre National Volcanic Monument, camping at one of the 60 campgrounds, recreating at the 16 Sno-Parks, hunting, fishing and driving on the more than 2,300 miles of accessible roads. An incredible wealth of natural resources provides forest products, water, fish and wildlife habitat, along with forest-product harvest, biomass and geothermal opportunities.

Partnerships

The GPNF is committed to involving all communities through such initiatives as the Urban Youth Program. Working with state, federal and private partners, our Urban Youth are exposed to many outdoor activities and opportunities including fishing at Coldwater Lake and career possibilities like fire fighting.

The GPNF has invested in two partnership coordinators with the goal of accomplishing more work on the ground. With an average of 100 partners and 40 ongoing agreements, the National Forest benefits from an additional five million dollars in value annually to help meet our mission.

GPNF employees take every opportunity to share our mission and passion for the land with any interested groups. Many student groups share educational days with numerous employees and partners across the Forest and in the community throughout the year.



Recreation

The GPNF published its Travel Management Plan that maintains the balance of access for both motorized and non-motorized recreationists. A new partner, Hoodoo, was added to take care of many of the campgrounds on the Forest. Additionally, recreation staff have been and will be working with Northwest Service Academy, Mount St. Helens Institute and others student-based groups to implement Recovery Act Trail funding.

Vegetation Management

The Forest encourages partnerships in adjacent counties and with other organizations to manage and eradicate noxious weeds. Removal of this competition helps native forage to survive and grow, which in turn supports wildlife.

Weed Rodeos sponsored by the Mount St. Helens Institute, counties and the GPNF provide students and community members the opportunity to join forces in the control of Scotch broom, knapweed, hound tongue and tansy ragwort.



NAACP at Coldwater



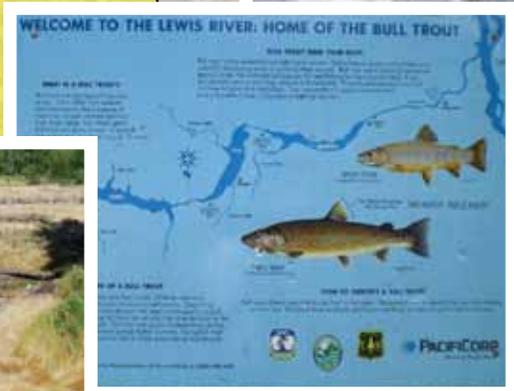
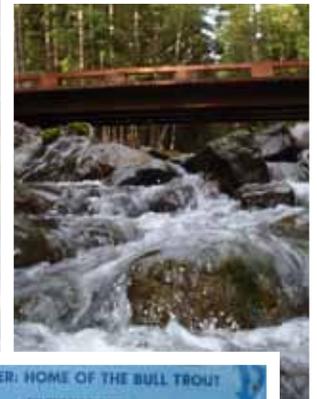
NAACP at Muddy River

Habitat Restoration

Among the many on-going habitat improvement projects occurring for fish and wildlife around the Forest, the restoration of Trout Creek and rehabilitation after the removal of Hemlock Dam in 2009 was one of the largest fish habitat improvement projects in the Forest Service and highlights the goal of the GPNF to restore watersheds across the Forest.

ARRA-funded bridge replacements allowed opportunities for increased fish passage at multiple locations including two on tributaries to Trout Creek upstream from the Hemlock Dam removal and habitat improvement project.

The GPNF is implementing the first of three years of Legacy, Roads and Trails funding (\$900,000) to address systems that are negatively impacting watersheds.



American Recovery and

Facilities

Many GPNF facilities received much-needed energy efficiency improvements: windows, insulation, heating and cooling. Water systems were upgraded and hazardous materials removed. These improvements will reduce energy consumption and save money into the future.

Total received for Facilities projects was \$4.5 million for upgrades at Johnston Ridge, Coldwater, Pine Creek and all three District Offices.



Recreation

New interpretive exhibits and signs will enhance visitors experiences. In total, installation of 51 new interpretive signs is expected by next summer. JRO received new seismic exhibits, projectors and other displays. A new outdoor amphitheater will allow Ranger presentations in full view of the volcano beginning next summer. Upgraded recreation sites across the Forest should allow greater enjoyment by visitors in any capacity.

Total received for recreation related projects was \$1.78 million for use at Johnston Ridge, Coldwater Lake, Goose Lake, as well as interpretive signs and kiosks, toilets and other amenities across the GPNF and MSHNVM.



Reinvestment Act



Bridges and Roads

With Recovery Act funding, and an underlying goal of creating and saving jobs, the Gifford Pinchot National Forest replaced eight bridges. Access to the Gifford Pinchot was increased and fish passage enhance.

Total received was \$5.66 million to resurface roads and reconstruct aging bridges.



Trails

Among the many valuable partners working on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest under Recovery funding in 2010 were educational work organizations. Some of these are the Student Conservation Association, Northwest Service Academy, Northwest Youth Corp and Washington Conservation Corp.

Total received for trails was \$627,000 for increased safety, brushing, tread maintenance and drainage projects by student organizations and partners such as the Pacific Crest Trail Association





Fire

Serving the Mt. Hood National Forest, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and Gifford Pinchot National Forest, the Columbia Cascade Center (CCC) dispatch office opened in 2009 at the Forest Headquarters of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The CCC supports communication for crews, aircrafts and other resources to manage wildfires and other incidents. When other parts of the country need skilled incident personnel, CCC staff helps meet those needs while still providing local dispatch services. During the Gulf oil spill, CCC dispatched U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel.



The GPNF maintains an active fire staff providing protection from wildfires through fire-fighting and prescribed burn activities. The GPNF fire staff is also heavily involved in outreach and educational activities.



Secure Rural Schools

More than \$13 million in Title I, II and III funds have been invested in the four counties in the GPNF, Lewis, Skamania, Cowlitz and Klickitat counties in 2010. About \$1.5 million of that is designated yearly in total by all four counties in Title II roads, trails, habitat improvement and other Forest improvement projects. Two citizen-based resource advisory committees. The Forest Supervisor approved \$461,000 for projects recommended by the North Resource Advisory Committee and \$978,000 for recommendations from the South Resource Advisory Committee. The Gifford Pinchot has awarded approximately \$16 Million in Title II funding since the Secure Rural Schools Act went into effect in 2000.



Special Forest Products

The GPNF has completed planning for its Special Forest Products Program and will be implementing an adaptive management plan to sustain botanical products. The GPNF manages the largest special forest products program in the nation, which returns up to \$1 million in receipts annually, but also continues to support more traditional uses through management programs and unique partnerships such as the berry fields Handshake Agreement with the Yakama Nation and projects in concert with the Cowlitz Tribe.



Bough Harvest

The 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens created a vast opportunity for harvest of high-elevation noble and pacific silver fir stems that are used for Christmas wreaths and other holiday decorations. This activity generated over \$460,000 on the GPNF in 2010.



Timber Harvest

In FY 2010, the Forest offered and awarded 16.5 MMBF of timber. The GPNF 5-Year Action Plan analyzed twelve 30-60,000 acre tracts in the Forest to provide forest products and tree-stand improvements. This category includes saw-timber, fuel wood, posts and poles as well as new biomass opportunities.



Where saw-timber sales were no longer feasible because of wood decay, dead trees were piled and burned at costs up to \$700 per acre.

Instead, the cut and removed material can be sold as biomass.



Beargrass, Mushrooms, Huckleberry, and Salal

The harvest of these products are done both commercially and for personal use. To harvest products on the National Forest requires the purchase of special use permits. These activities generated over \$284,000 on the GPNF in 2010.



Check with local national forest offices for personal use permit requirements.



Forest Management Operating Budget — Fiscal Year 2010

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Programs	Project Costs
Facilities Improvement, maintenance and Renovation	\$5,575,000
Bridge Replacement & Road Maintenance	\$3,677,421
Trails Capital Improvements & Maintenance	\$585,410
Recovery Act Sub-Total	\$9,837,831
Capital Improvement & Maintenance Programs	Project Costs
Facilities Capital Improvement & Rec Maintenance	\$2,116,000
Infrastructure Improvement (Deferred Maintenance)	\$256,000
Road Capital Improvement & Maintenance	\$1,511,000
Trail Capital Improvement & Maintenance	\$321,000
Forest Legacy Roads	\$288,000
Facilities Maintenance Pool	\$746,000
Capital Improvement & Maintenance Sub-Total	\$5,238,000
Fire Programs	Project Costs
Wildland Fire Preparedness	\$1,556,000
Hazardous Fuels Reduction	\$73,000
Emergency Suppression & Rehabilitation	\$76,000
Fire Programs Sub-Total	\$1,705,000
Miscellaneous	Project Costs
Federal Highways	\$705,000
Payments to States—Title II	\$2,099,637
Reforestation Trust	\$78,000
Cooperative Work	\$855,000
Salvage Sales	\$49,000
Quarters Operation and Maintenance	\$102,000
Recreation Fees	\$1,739,000
Commercial Filming—Local Admin Unit & Collection Support	\$4,000
Conveyance Program (Admin Sites)	\$65,000
Cost Recovery Lands, Major and Minor Projects	\$4,000
Miscellaneous Programs Sub-Total	\$5,700,637
Cost Pool Programs	Project Costs
Administration	\$3,667,000
Administration Sub-Total	\$3,667,000

Forest Management

Forest Products	\$1,856,000
Inventory & Monitoring	\$110,000
Land Management Planning	\$97,000
Land Ownership Management	\$791,000
Minerals & Geology Management	\$108,000
Recreation/Heritage/Wilderness Management	\$1,817,000
Vegetation and Watershed Management	\$602,000
Wildlife & Fisheries Habitat Management	\$584,000
Grazing Management	\$36,000
Rehabilitation and Restoration	\$20,000
Botanical Products	\$835,000
Forest Management Sub-Total	\$6,856,000
Forest Management Operating Budget Total	\$33,004,468

Forest Management Revenue — 2010

Timber (All Service Receipts—NFS Lands)	\$319,187
Timber (Sale Earnings)	\$360,726
Timber (Salvage Sales)	\$202,957
Special Forest Products Sales	\$1,103,578
Land Use (All Service Receipts—NFS Lands)	\$17,601
Recreation (All Service Receipts—NFS Lands)	\$110,512
Power (All Service Receipts—NFS Lands)	\$4,373
Minerals (All Service Receipts—NFS Lands)	\$610
Grazing	\$1,397
Recreation Fees, Forest Service—Outfitter/Guides and Collection Support	\$40,392
Recreation Fees, Forest Service—Rec Sites and Collection Support	\$1,326,678
Recreation Fees, Forest Service—National Pass Sales and Collection Support	\$80,674
Employee Quarters	\$122,967
Cooperative Work—Other (Roads, & Other Co-Op Deposits)	\$46,522
Gifts, Donations & Bequests	\$400
Commercial Film—Local Admin Unit & Collection Support	\$2,653
Cost Recovery Lands, Major & Minor Projects	\$4,413
Forest Management Revenue Total	\$3,745,640



Coming Attractions in 2011!

- ✓ Grand opening of Johnston Ridge Observatory Amphitheater
- ✓ Removal of Martha Creek Dam
- ✓ New interpretive signs around Mount St. Helens
- ✓ Third annual GO Day at Vancouver's Water Resource Center on June 11
- ✓ Restoring anadromous fish habitat in the Lewis and Wind river systems
- ✓ "Pick up the Pinchot" on Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 24

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