



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Recreation Fees 2005

## Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



# Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

| National Forest             | Recreation Fees |                | Special Use Permits |              | Golden Passes |               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|                             | Revenue         | Expenditures   | Revenue             | Expenditures | Revenue       | Expenditures  |
| Columbia Gorge              | 307,410         | 255,026        | 16,385              | 0            | 5,421         | 1,500         |
| Colville                    | 19,497          | 17,212         | 0                   | 0            | 1,553         | 0             |
| Deschutes                   | 411,009         | 412,591        | 73,962              | 4,831        | 45,083        | 37,638        |
| Fremont-Winema              | 33,955          | 68,092         | 9,864               | 0            | 2,019         | 0             |
| Gifford Pinchot             | 1,225,669       | 1,043,999      | 15,117              | 0            | 116,040       | 71,044        |
| Malheur                     | 67,092          | 39,407         | 90                  | 0            | 1,255         | 0             |
| <b>Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie</b> | <b>905,613</b>  | <b>845,700</b> | <b>52,283</b>       | <b>0</b>     | <b>89,202</b> | <b>36,548</b> |
| Mt. Hood                    | 323,465         | 295,793        | 11,879              | 0            | 23,706        | 18,389        |
| Ochoco                      | 31,106          | 29,537         | 1,819               | 706          | 1,447         | 0             |
| Okanogan & Wenatchee        | 645,718         | 622,382        | 40,731              | 6,914        | 25,015        | 40,404        |
| Olympic                     | 242,914         | 183,230        | 0                   | 0            | 64,900        | 4,299         |
| Rogue River-Siskiyou        | 208,324         | 204,352        | 18,261              | 0            | 5,753         | 4,867         |
| Siuslaw                     | 1,682,462       | 1,887,771      | 31,936              | 0            | 24,263        | 3,816         |
| Umatilla                    | 74,793          | 85,862         | 3,989               | 0            | 2,010         | 0             |
| Umpqua                      | 315,364         | 339,167        | 7,453               | 0            | 3,285         | 2,504         |
| Wallowa-Whitman             | 175,424         | 153,149        | 122,397             | 85,649       | 4,012         | 0             |
| Willamette                  | 273,931         | 227,956        | 14,313              | 294          | 15,014        | 13,112        |

## Recreation Fees Make a Difference in the Pacific Northwest

*With the passage of the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) in December 2004, the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service focused on providing quality recreation services and facilities in 2005.*

The Act enables the Region to continue to retain and reinvest 80-95 percent of the funds collected. These funds help improve and maintain the facilities and services that people use and expect.

Fewer sites in the Region now require fees since the passage of the Act. Recreation passes, such as the Northwest Forest Pass, cover approximately 500 day use sites in the Region. A guide to these sites, including trailheads, picnic areas, boat launches and interpretive facilities, is available at Forest Service offices.

Recreation fees also contributed to the management of over 300 campgrounds, 70 cabin rentals and offered 20 heritage expeditions. The Region issued over 20 kinds of special recreation permits, including wilderness, rivers, boat docks, Christmas trees, cross-country skiing, and climbing.

In 2005, recreation fees contributed approximately \$8 million to the Pacific Northwest Region. These funds will be used in future years to provide safety and security at recreation sites, maintain facilities such as restrooms and trails as well as aid in youth work programs, and supply matching funds for partnerships.

Each Forest has prepared a report, such as this one, showing exactly where funds were used. Thank you for supporting this program and helping us make a difference!

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In 2005, the Forest used recreation fees to help leverage an additional \$852,102 in grant funding through the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, which was put to work in support of the recreation program. Notable work included replacing puncheons on two trails, installing a trailbridge with help from the Spring Family Trust for Trails and completing turnpiking with crews from Backcountry Horsemen, Volunteers for Outdoor Washington and Washington Trails Association.



Turnpikes help erosion problems

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## Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Accomplishments



### Recreation Pass Revenues

- Provided maintenance, security and compliance patrols at 109 trailheads, 10 picnic sites and 2 boat launches.
- Maintained about 650 miles of trail.
- Maintained (frequent cleaning and pumping) 70 trailhead toilets.
- Hired 'Mountain Bike Rangers' to assist with implementing new regulations on the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Trail.
- Staffed the Heather Meadows Visitor Center, which assisted about 11,200 center visitors and 115,000 visitors to the developed facilities.
- Conducted 23 interpretive programs at Heather Meadows.
- Installed day pass vending machines at Snoqualmie Pass and Verlot Public Service Centers as a visitor service.
- The Forest partnered with about two dozen volunteer groups who worked on trails for a contribution of over \$1.28 million.

### Youth Crews Supported through Fee Revenues

- SCA interns installed new backcountry toilets on the Skykomish and Darrington Ranger Districts.

### Partnerships Funded with Fee Revenues

- Partnered with the State earning matching grants to fund a larger front country patrol crew.
- Helped fund a partnership with the Pacific Northwest Trail Association which contributed over 15,000 hours of volunteer maintenance work.
- Funded Climbing Rangers on Mt. Baker through a matching grant from Washington State. Funds also enabled toilets to be flown in to sensitive campsites on Mt. Baker and removed by helicopter at the end of the season.



### Cabin Rental Revenues

- Installed a new toilet at Evergreen Mountain.
- Expect to rent a third cabin, Heybrook Lookout ready in 2006.

### Golden Pass Revenues

- Helped staff information specialists at the front desks of Public Service Centers at Glacier, Verlot, and Snoqualmie Pass.

### Christmas Tree Revenues

- Paid for snowplowing contracts, field patrol of the program, and helped staff sales and information desk support.



Before and after pictures showing boardwalk replacement on Goat Mountain Trail

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