



Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region
Recreation Fees 2009

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie 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:

- Staffed **Heather Meadows Visitor Center** daily from mid-July through late September: contacted thousands of visitors who enjoyed the picnic facilities, self-guided interpretive opportunities and hiking trails.
- Supported employees and volunteers who completed facilities and trail maintenance tasks, and fee compliance and collection at sites across the forest.
- Funded visitor information specialists to serve the public at the **Glacier** and **Verlot Public Service Centers** and the **Snoqualmie Pass Visitor Contact Station**.
- Partnered with about two dozen volunteer groups, including the **Northwest Youth Corps**, **Washington Trails Association** and **Pacific Northwest Trail Association**, and completed trail maintenance tasks and provided visitor services. Volunteers donated over 50,000 hours of service.
- Repaired access road to **Evergreen Mountain Lookout**; flooding in November 2006 cut road access to the rental.
- Cleaned and pumped toilets, and provided security patrols and visitor information at busy trailheads supported by recreation fees.
- Leveraged grant funding from the **Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office** and removed fallen trees across 675 miles of trail and brushed 380 miles.
- Repaired drainage structures and improved tread on **Big Four Ice Caves Trail**.
- Removed avalanche slide debris from approximately 10 miles of trail.
- Administered the **Christmas tree permit program**, which included plowing winter access and parking areas and funding employees to patrol and provide visitor information.

Special Feature

With its expansive rolling alpine meadows, wildflowers and mountain views, Heather Meadows is a magnet for visitors in the summer. Fee funds support staff and interpretive opportunities at the **Heather Meadows Visitor Center**. This facility highlights the natural and cultural heritage of this truly unique area.



Heather Meadows-Artist Ridge Parking Area

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$136,457
Recreation Fees	\$863,055
Special Uses	\$57,823
Total	\$1,057,335

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$433,141
Visitor Services	\$96,647
Law Enforcement	\$20,732
Cost of Collections	\$10,965
Total	\$561,485

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



Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Projects Planned for 2010

- Fund staff to provide visitor information and offer interpretive programs at **Heather Meadows Visitor Center**.
- Continue to support partner and volunteer programs.
- Complete maintenance and operational tasks in recreation fee areas: complete maintenance and cleaning tasks, provide garbage and septic services, and patrol sites to provide visitor information, protection and security.



Heather Meadows-Picture Lake View Point

2009 Accomplishment Photos



Trails after avalanche debris removal

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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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