



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 on the Willamette National Forest:

- Completed maintenance and operational tasks at fee sites: removed hazard trees; brushed and cleared vegetation; performed routine cleaning; painted and repaired facilities; maintained signs; tested water; refilled propane tanks; serviced solar-powered systems; and contracted garbage collection, toilet pumping and septic services.
- Partnered with local volunteers and Friends of Fish Lake to complete large maintenance projects at historic Fish Lake Remount Depot.
- Purchased and installed new blinds for Timber Butte Lookout.
- Applied environmentally-friendly ant treatment at Gold Butte Lookout.
- Purchased materials and partnered with Backcountry Horsemen of America to install rail fencing at Big Meadows Horse Camp.
- Designed and fabricated three interpretive panels at Iron Mountain. Published a new Iron Mountain wildflower and trail guide.
- Designed, fabricated and installed interpretive panel and kiosks at Tombstone Pass leveraging Federal Highways Administration grant funding.
- Installed visitor information booth at Three Pools Day Use Area.
- Repaired hydroelectric system that provides lighting and flush toilets at Salt Creek Falls Interpretive Site.
- Repaired and maintained compost toilet at North Waldo Boat Launch.
- Repaired asphalt at CT Beach Boat Launch.
- Installed new bulletin boards at Indigo/June Lake Trailhead.
- Purchased materials used by Santiam Wolverines youth crew to construct information boards for various fee sites.
- Supported campground host at Trail Bridge and Kiahanie campgrounds.
- Installed 16 fire rings and campsite markers at Scott Lake Campground and installed new site markers at Elk Lake Campground.
- Removed culverts and repaired trail along the Santiam Wagon Road-Sevenmile Horse Camp in partnership with Oregon Equestrian Trails.
- Offered a variety of interpretive programs, including a five-day Heritage Expedition that explored "Margie Knowles Glorious Adventure" and 22 other naturalist hikes.



Tombstone Pass Interpretive Panels

Special Feature

Perched atop a 41-foot tower, the idyllic cupola-style Warner Mountain Lookout is a popular winter cabin rental. Significant investment was made in the lookout during 2011 when its wooden stairs were replaced with metal grate steps. This new stairway will allow for safer visitor access during the winter season. Fee funds were also used to install new carpet and appliances and replace a vandalized door and doorframe.



Willamette National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$276,958
Special Uses	\$33,580
Interagency Pass	\$16,163
Total	\$326,701

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$200,495
Visitor Services	\$57,652
Cost of Collections	\$24,408
Law Enforcement	\$10,000
Total	\$292,555

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

Willamette National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Administered Christmas tree permit program, offering extended office hours on weekends and service at 16 vendor outlets with 2,835 permits sold. Funded staff who provided visitor assistance, information and patrols.
- Administered and monitored 86 river and land-based outfitter and guide special use permits.
- Funded a River Ranger who monitored wildlife, visitor use and safety, and river resources during float trips along the McKenzie River.
- Participated in the Annual River Clean-up sponsored by the McKenzie River Guides Association.
- Continued planning for McKenzie River outfitter and guide need assessment and capacity studies.
- Administered 16 recreation events under special use permits, including running and biking events, Boy Scout events, and a sports car rally.



Finding the perfect Christmas tree.



Installing fire rings at Scott Lake.

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Pacific Northwest Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$7,539,044
Special Uses	\$638,697
Interagency Pass	\$485,488
Total	\$8,663,229

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$4,401,016
Visitor Services	\$2,553,593
Cost of Collections	\$916,041
Law Enforcement	\$458,400
Habitat Restoration	\$55,118
Fee Agreements	\$27,104
Total	\$8,411,273

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