

Mt. Hood National Forest

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From its beginning in 1905, the Forest Service recognized the potential of the Mt. Hood area to provide a range of recreational opportunities on public lands.

The Term Occupancy Act of 1915 encouraged private use and development of leased Forest Service lands, including summer residences. Demand grew stronger in the 1920's when Mt. Hood Loop Highway was completed. The Forest Service responded by establishing several summer home tracts to be developed in an orderly and consistent fashion.

Today there are 554 recreation residences on the Zigzag Ranger District. Most recreation residences are over 50 years old, making them potentially historic properties. Many have been owned by a single family since they were built. All of these privately owned, non-permanent residences are administered by the Forest Service under 20-year special use permits.

Partners

Beyond the long-term partnership between the owners, their summer home association and the Forest Service, there are other partners:

- Clackamas County ensures compliance with building codes and that sanitation and water quality issues are addressed;
- The State Historic Preservation Office aids in the preservation of significant historic structures and the historic qualities of the summer home tracts;
- Lady Creek and Rhododendron Water Associations provide domestic water; and
- Hoodland Fire Department protects buildings and provides emergency services.

Next

The current special use permits are scheduled to expire in 2008. Compliance inspections of summer home permits underway now are intended to give permit holders time to achieve compliance with terms of their permits, and evaluations of summer home tracts by resource specialists currently underway will help the Forest take their historic significance into account.

For more, see <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/summerhomes/index.shtml>.

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