

A Message from the Forest Supervisor

Faced with decreasing budgets, employees worked hard in 2003 to cut facilities' costs by completing a three-tiered strategy: 1) moving the main office from Eugene to a National Guard facility in Springfield; 2) moving the Sweet Home office to a refurbished work center in town; and 3) sharing the Lowell office with the Army Corps of Engineers.

After several years of planning, we also completed construction on the Detroit Ranger Station and improved the off-highway access. The office includes an interpretive area, funded by the Federal Highways Administration, which will highlight the West Cascades National Scenic Byway.

The summer brought two fires, both of which burned through highly popular recreation areas. The 5000-acre Clark Fire burned Bedrock campground and the fully accessible Johnny Creek Trail. The 90,000-acre B&B Complex Fire burned about 20,000 acres on the Willamette. It went into the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area and threatened numerous public and private structures around Santiam Pass.

This year also brought new members to our leadership team: Doris Tai, Recreation and Public Affairs Staff Officer; Paul Matter, Detroit District Ranger; and Kathy Bulchis, Natural Resources Staff Officer. All three are highly skilled and I am excited to work with them and the rest of the team in the coming years. In addition, John Allen, long-time McKenzie River District Ranger, left for a Deputy Forest Supervisor position in Montana. We expect to fill that position by summer of 2004.

Finally, it is always important to recognize and thank all of you who continue to provide support and assistance to a great National treasure, the Willamette National Forest.

Dallas J. Emch
Forest Supervisor

Expenditures, Receipts, Goods and Services

(PROGRAM YEAR 10/1/02 TO 9/30/03)

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

<u>Forest Products</u>		<u>Soil/ Water/ Wildlife/ Fish/ Botany</u>	
MMbf* Timber offered	60	Wildlife Habitat Improvement Structures	433
MMbf* Timber Cut *Million Board Feet	20	Wildlife Habitat Improvement (acres)	1,278
MMbf* Alternative Volume	5	Acres Soil/Watershed Improvement	32
Acres Reforested	1,005	Stream Inventory (miles)	20
Timber Stand Improvement (acres)	8,513	Anadromous/Inland Stream Restoration (miles)	14
Christmas Trees Harvested	8,897	Lakes Restored (acres)	40
Firewood (cords)	917	Noxious Weed Treatment (acres)	526
Trees Planted	301,500	Conservation Education (programs/products)	203

FIRE & ENGINEERING

Wildfires (acres)	24,920
Fire Hazard Reduction (acres)	668
Person-Days Fire Support	6,030
Number of Fires	116
Roads Decommissioned (miles)	0
Roads Constructed (miles)	2.9
Roads Reconstructed (miles)	87.7

A Few Facts on Traveling the Forest

Trail Miles	1,760
Scenic Byway Miles	196
Boating Sites	25
Passenger Car Miles	1,562
High Clearance Vehicle Miles	4,228
Closed Roads Miles	762

RECREATION, LANDS & MINERALS

Recreation Visits ♦	3,782,300
<i>This figure came from 2002 survey figures.</i>	
Trails Reconstruction (miles)	} 5
Trails Construction (miles)	
Recreation Special-Use Permits	433
Mining & Geology Activities Administered	358
New Heritage Sites	7
Heritage Acres Surveyed	1,876
Passport in Time Projects	1
Heritage Expeditions	3
Heritage Expedition Receipts	\$13,900
Northwest Forest Pass Receipts	\$228,300
Cabin Rental Receipts	\$15,000
Campground Receipts	\$58,600

2003 Budget & Expenditures

Final Budget	\$36,251,598
Expenditures*	\$44,618,055

*Includes fire suppression costs not allocated in budget figures

FY03 Payments to States

FY03 \$38,748,006

FY02 \$38,295,432

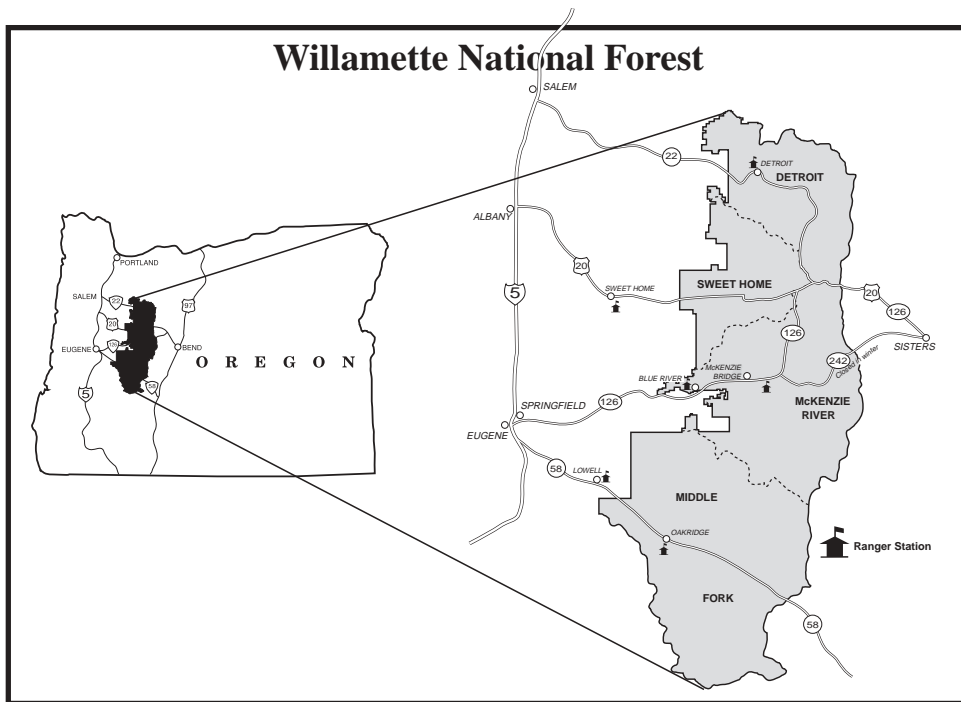
FY01 \$37,988,876

Some of these funds are used on Forest to help provide jobs for locals and youth.

In 2003, we coordinated with counties and implemented 67 projects, totaling \$3.5 million.

COUNTY AMOUNT

Clackamas	\$11,525
Douglas	\$1,201,217
Jefferson	\$3,085
Lane	\$23,935,609
Linn	\$10,884,972
Marion	\$2,711,598



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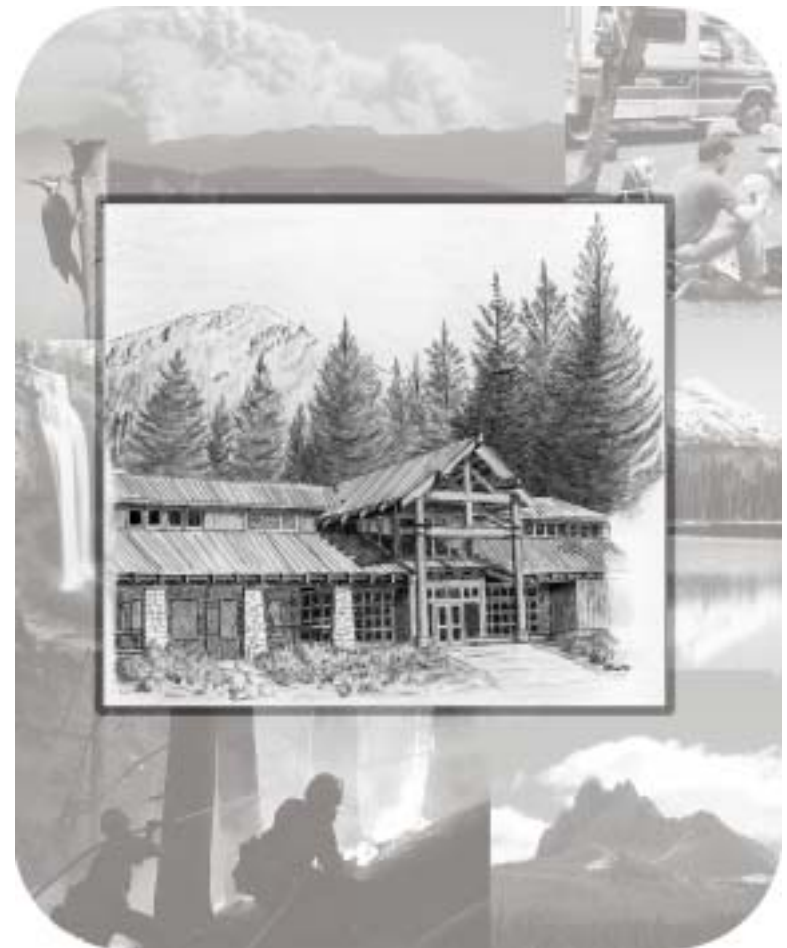
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