

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Camping	35 Campgrounds
Hiking/Riding	386 Miles of Trail
Hunting/Fishing	Dispersed Areas
Boating/Water Related	Lakes, Streams, Rivers
Viewing Scenery	Approx. 7,000 miles of Road
Snowmobile Trails	793 Miles
Winter Sports	Dispersed Areas and 1 Sledding Hill
Recreational Lodging	Murderer's Creek Work Center Fall Mountain Lookout Deer Creek Guard Station
Est. Annual Visitor Use	422,000

FIRE MANAGEMENT

Number of Fires	267
Total Acres on Malheur National Forest Lands	13,885

Cause of Fire	
Lightning	233
Smoking	1
Arson	0
Campfire	24
Debris Burning	4
Equipment	3
Miscellaneous	2

Fires less than 1 acre	241
Largest Fire (Shaketable Complex Fire)	14,574 acres

Fuel Treatment

Thinning	4,882
Hand/Machine Pile Burn	1,499
Prescribe Fire	8,708
Hand/Machine Pile	<u>2,952</u>
Total Acres Treated	18,041

Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Acres	2,055
Non-WUI Acres	15,986

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FOREST FACTS 2006

MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST

October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006



Delintment Lake, Emigrant Creek Ranger District
Photo courtesy of Cheryl Wood, Emigrant Creek Ranger District

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FOREST SUPERVISOR AND STAFF (2006)

Forest Supervisor	Gary “Stan” L. Benes
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DISTRICT RANGERS (2006)

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HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Blue Mountain Forest Reserve established March 15, 1906.

Forest Reserve names changed to National Forests, March 4, 1907.

Malheur National Forest established June 13, 1908.

LANDSCAPE SETTING

High desert grasslands; alpine lakes and meadows, upland meadows, mountain ranges, forest of pine, spruce, larch and fir.

Lowest elevation 3,360 feet (near the Middle Fork of the John Day River). Highest elevation 9,038 feet (on top of Strawberry Mountain).

LAND AREA

National Forest land administered by the Malheur National Forest (includes approximately 241,000 acres within Ochoco National NF).

Total Acres 1,708,686

By County

Grant	1,128,930
Harney	526,067
Baker	46,357
Crook	9,726
Malheur	606

By District

Blue Mountain	706,611
Prairie City	367,979
Emigrant Creek	634,096

Lakes and Reservoirs

Trout Farm	1 acre
Magone Lake	50 acres
Canyon Meadows Reservoir	25 acres
Yellojacket Reservoir	25 acres
Delintment Lake	62 acres
Strawberry Lake (in Wilderness)	31 acres
Little Strawberry Lake (in Wilderness)	4 acres
Slide Lake (in Wilderness)	13 acres
Little Slide Lake (in Wilderness)	13 acres
High Lake (in Wilderness)	5 acres

Wilderness and Special Interest Areas

Strawberry Mountain Wilderness	68,700 acres
Monument Rock Wilderness	19,650 acres
Canyon Creek Research Natural Area	738 acres
Vinegar Hill Indian Rock Scenic Area	2,824 acres
Cedar Grove Botanical Area	167 acres
Malheur Wild and Scenic River	12.0 miles
North Fork Malheur Scenic River	22.9 miles
Cedar Grove National Recreation Trail	1.0 miles
Arch Rock National Recreation Trail	0.3 miles
Malheur River Trail	7.6 miles

Heritage Resources

Archaeological Sites	4,550
Historic Buildings	79



Ancient Rock Art

EMPLOYEES

Permanent Full-time/Permanent Part-time	166
Temporary	56

HUMAN RESOURCE PROGRAMS	<i># of People</i>	<i>Value of Work</i>
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	7	\$61,028
Volunteers in National Forests	143	\$179,316

A total of 5,027 hours were worked by SCSEP employees and 12,172 hours by volunteers.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Final Budget	\$22,187,150
Expenditures	\$19,911,272

Note: The difference between the final budget and expenditures reflect projects that carried over into the next year.

Collection from Sale and Use of Forest Products

KV Funds	\$ 202,485
Salvage	\$1,638,822
Brush Disposal	\$ 643,250
Range, Special Uses and Other	<u>\$ 109,939</u>
Total	\$2,594,496

Recreation Fee Revenue	\$38,210
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Payment to Counties

(Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act)

Grant	\$774,024
Harney	\$566,645
Baker	\$ 10,123
Crook	<u>\$ 13,652</u>
Total	\$1,364,444

Types of projects funded included: watershed restoration, weed management, and road maintenance. Many of these projects provided jobs in local communities.

Upcoming Events

- * *National Trails Day - Celebrating 15 years on June 2, 2007.*
- * *Forest Plan Revision - Proposed draft plan available for public review period fall 2007.*
- * *Planning for the Malheur National Forest Centennial in 2008.*

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

Number of Timber Sales	9
Timber Sold	23.9 mmbf
Timber Cut	14.0 mmbf
Timber Sold Value	\$1,991,831
Post and Pole Permits Sold	40
Value of Post and Pole Permits	\$1193
Firewood Permits Sold	1285
Number of Cords of Firewood	6,159
Value of Firewood Permits	\$30,795
Christmas Trees Tags Sold	504
Value of Christmas Tree Tags	\$2,520
Mushroom Permits Sold	52
Value of Mushroom Permits Sold	\$1,190
Acres Reforestation	1,795
Acres Pre-commercial Thinning	4,738

Forest Timber Species

Western Larch	Grand Fir
Ponderosa Pine	Alpine Fir
Lodgepole Pine	White Fir
Englemann Spruce	Douglas Fir
Western Juniper	

RANGE MANAGEMENT

Number of Allotments	111
Number of Permittees	95
Permitted Cow/Calf Units	97,632
Permitted Sheep/Lamb Units	1,530
Noxious Weed Control	600 acres
Murderer's Creek Wild Horse Territory	180,000 acres

ENGINEERING, LANDS AND MINERALS

Existing Roads	
High Clearance Vehicles	5,795 miles
Suitable for Passenger Cars	1,225 miles

Mining Claims	105
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WATERSHED AND AQUATICS PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT

Soil and Water Resource Improvement	36 acres
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Projects included: planting, fencing, off-channel watering, road decommissioning, spring enclosure, streambank stabilization, and aspen restoration.

Riparian Surveys	32 miles
Stream Surveys	27 miles

FISH, WILDLIFE AND BOTANY HABITAT MANAGEMENT**Wildlife Habitat Accomplishments *With* Partners**

9 Projects - 2,024 acres	
Forest Service Dollars	\$43,417
Partner Dollars	\$56,005
Partner In-kind Value	<u>\$20,831</u>
Total Project Dollars	\$120,253

Wildlife Habitat Accomplishments *Without* Partners

7 Projects - 3,684 acres	
Total Project Dollars	\$150,176

Fisheries Habitat Accomplishments *With* Partners

3 Projects - 9 Miles	
Forest Service Dollars	\$15,035
Partner Dollars	\$ 1,400
Partner In-kind Value	<u>\$ 8,709</u>
Total Project Dollars	\$25,144

Fisheries Habitat Accomplishments *Without* Partners

6 Projects - 3.25 Miles	
Total Project Dollars	\$130,611

NatureWatch Accomplishments *With* Partners

3 Projects - 48 Presentations/621 Attendees	
Forest Service Dollars	\$ 5,868
Partner Dollars	\$ 5,750
Partner In-kind Value	<u>\$10,900</u>
Total Project Dollars	\$22,518

NatureWatch Accomplishments *Without* Partners

4 Projects - 9 Presentations/206 Attendees	
Total Project Dollars	\$2,935

Total number of Malheur National Forest Partners in Fiscal Year 2006 - 53



Oregon Hunters Association - Building Fence on the Malheur National Forest

Photo courtesy of Cindy Kranich, Blue Mountain Ranger District

FISH, WILDLIFE AND BOTANY HABITAT MANAGEMENT**Forest Flora and Fauna**

Amphibian and Reptiles	23 species
Fish	22 species
Birds	235 species
Mammals	85 species
Forbs (wildflowers)	737 species
Grasses	94 species
Grass-like (sedge, rush)	68 species
Shrub	80 species
Tree	20 species

Big Game Species

Rocky Mountain Elk	Black Bear
California Bighorn Sheep	Cougar
Pronghorn Antelope	Mule Deer
Mountain Goat	Whitetail Deer

Fur Bearers

Pine Marten	Coyote
Bobcat	Mink
Beaver	

Game Fish

Smallmouth Bass	Steelhead
Chinook Salmon	Brook Trout
Cutthroat Trout	Redband Trout
Rainbow Trout	

Sensitive, Threatened, and Endangered Species

Northern Bald Eagle	Bufflehead
American Peregrine Falcon	Bobolink
Greater Sage Grouse	Pacific Fisher
Upland Sandpiper	Gray Flycatcher
Tricolored Blackbird	Pygmy Rabbit
California Wolverine	Redband Trout
Malheur Mottled Sculpin	Columbia Spotted Frog
Westslope Cutthroat Trout	
Mid-Columbia Spring Chinook	
Mid-Columbia Summer Steelhead	
Columbia River Bulltrout	

Sensitive Plants

Mustard Family - 1	Carrot Family - 1
Fern Family - 6	Figwort - 1
Waterleaf - 1	Orchid - 1
Sedge - 3	Aster - 1
Pea - 1	Lily - 1