



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Recreation Fees 2007

## Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



# Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Interagency Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$205,760	\$270,789	\$24,140	\$10,339	\$4,790	\$279
Colville	\$20,418	\$21,143	\$347	\$0	\$6,957	\$1
Deschutes	\$573,187	\$343,054	\$149,937	\$68,757	\$70,145	\$690
Fremont-Winema	\$50,935	\$39,173	\$85,488	\$56,381	\$1,646	\$145
Gifford Pinchot	\$1,489,229	\$1,421,358	\$60,782	\$16,918	\$119,779	\$170
Malheur	\$65,769	\$48,115	\$185	\$0	\$10,293	\$0
<b>Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie</b>	<b>\$980,036</b>	<b>\$836,045</b>	<b>\$76,764</b>	<b>\$22,192</b>	<b>\$145,474</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Mt. Hood	\$358,941	\$382,686	\$26,297	\$15,741	\$26,106	\$10,761
Ochoco	\$35,315	\$36,118	\$6,658	\$573	\$31,605	\$0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$682,571	\$866,186	\$110,184	\$29,424	\$28,668	\$8
Olympic	\$267,144	\$168,542	\$934	\$0	\$62,967	\$714
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$249,740	\$219,557	\$74,357	\$717	\$46,698	\$0
Siuslaw	\$1,853,029	\$1,770,391	\$29,902	\$3,388	\$26,645	\$35,946
Umatilla	\$83,248	\$70,292	\$15,802	\$3,147	\$2,122	\$0
Umpqua	\$477,593	\$283,191	\$12,727	\$7,348	\$38,487	\$3,240
Wallowa-Whitman	\$152,181	\$183,098	\$122,417	\$75,406	\$6,514	\$62
Willamette	\$239,702	\$204,572	\$60,672	\$47,596	\$11,452	\$2,801

## Providing the Recreation Opportunities You Want

*Whether you have concerns or kudos, we invite you to comment on how funds collected at recreation sites are spent.*

The Forest Service is now using an analysis process, called Recreation Facility Analysis, to focus on providing and improving recreation facilities and services that the public wants. This analysis also helps identify recreation sites that are in significant need of repair and costs to accomplish these repairs.

The Forest Service uses funds collected at recreation sites as well as appropriated dollars to keep facilities open and well maintained, and to address improvements and backlog repairs. The Forest Service can also use funds collected at recreation sites to obtain grants and secure partnerships, and to pay for the training and costs of volunteers, further stretching the buying power of the dollar. These monies can also be saved from year to year to address larger costs associated with recreation sites.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) enables each Forest to retain 95% of the

funds collected. Of that, at least 80% is used to help improve and maintain the facilities and services that you use and expect.

We have developed these individual forest accomplishment reports so that you know exactly how your dollars are spent. REA states that fee dollars may only be spent on recreation facilities or services where a fee is charged. In the past, we have heard that people would like to see fees spent on clean recreation facilities, well-maintained trails, employee presence, and safety and security at recreation sites. If you would like to help identify other priorities for the use of these fee dollars, you are invited to contact your local recreation fee program coordinator, identified on the back of this report.

Thank you for supporting this program and helping us make a difference!

## New Citizen's Advisory Committee

The Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is a group of citizens who provide recommendations on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management proposals for establishing new or changing existing fees. After establishing operating procedures and gaining an understanding of the Recreation Enhancement Act, the Recreation RAC, formed this year, made recommendations on 46 sites covering seven units on the Forest Service and BLM. The diversity of members on the Recreation RAC ensures good discussion and effective public involvement regarding recreation fees.

All Recreation RAC meetings are open to the public and will be announced through media, the *Federal Register* and on the web at: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/rrac.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/rrac.shtml).



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## Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Accomplishments



### Recreation Pass Revenues

- Provided maintenance, security and compliance patrols at 109 trailheads, 10 picnic sites and 2 boat launches.
- Maintained about 650 miles of trail.
- Maintained (frequent cleaning and pumping) 70 trailhead toilets.
- Repaired flood damaged Baker Lake Trail using Forest and Northwest Youth Corps Crews.
- Staffed the Heather Meadows Visitor Center, which assisted about 11,800 center visitors and 130,000 visitors to the developed facilities.
- Cleared boulders on the Pacific Crest Trail on the Skykomish District
- Cleared and brushed about 100 miles of trail on Skykomish and Darrington Districts with trail maintenance contractors.
- Partnered with about two dozen volunteer groups who worked on trails for a contribution of over \$1.28 million.

### Youth Crews Supported through Fee Revenues

- Northwest Youth Corps crews spent 5 weeks clearing and repairing damage to trails across the Forest.

### Partnerships Funded with Fee Revenues

- Partnered with the State earning matching grants to fund a larger front country patrol crew.
- Coordinated with Backcountry Horsemen of Washington on log removal and tread repair on the Pacific Crest Trail north of Chinook Pass.
- Developed partnership agreements with Washington Trails Association, Volunteers for Outdoor Washington, Pacific Northwest Trail Association which helped these groups field about 40,000 hours of volunteer trail work worth over \$520,000.



Removing log from Snoqualmie Lake Trail



New Interpretive display, Heather Meadows



### Recreation Rental Revenues

- The Evergreen Mountain Lookout and Suiattle Guard Station were not available this year due to limited access resulting from washed out roads.

### National Interagency Pass Revenues

- Helped staff information specialists at the front desks of Public Service Centers at Glacier, Verlot, and Snoqualmie Pass.

## Contact



Christmas Tree cutting party

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