



Recreation Fee Program 2003

# Forest Accomplishments

**Ochoco National Forest**

**Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region**

*“Recreation user fees help protect and maintain the Historic Cold Springs Guard Station and contribute to operations and maintenance of campgrounds on the Ochoco National Forest,”  
Mark Christiansen, Recreation Fee Program Coordinator.*

In 2003, the Ochoco National Forest received \$32,150 in recreation user fees from our campgrounds, cabin rentals, and sales of the Northwest Forest Pass. Fees collected at each campground are used for continued operations and maintenance or improvements at the sites where the funds are collected. Funds from the cabin rentals are used towards improvements to those cabins where fees are collected.

Combined with appropriated funds, this program has provided the opportunity to address backlog maintenance of campgrounds. Revenue from the cabin rental program has allowed the Forest to provide maintenance of historical buildings while providing unique recreational experiences. Without these funds, these facilities would not be maintained and eventually would be destroyed.

The Recreation Lodging project has allowed the Ochoco National Forest to supplement maintenance and protect the historic Cold Springs Guard



Station. This historic Guard Station was built in 1934 and served a special role as a switchboard station connecting phone calls between Prineville and Paulina, as well as various fire lookouts and guard stations. Today, the public can rent this historic facility and experience what it was like to live and work in the National Forest in days gone by. The

Guard Station is available mid-May through mid-October. It's very popular and reservations are needed months in advance.

The Recreation Lodging project has also provided additional revenue to maintain the Ochoco Guard Station bunkhouses during the winter months when summer seasonal employees are not using the facilities. Revenue from this project supplements the maintenance costs as well and provides a winter lodging experience for the public. Use of these facilities offers excellent opportunities to snowmobile and cross country ski within the area while eliminating or reducing travel time. The bunkhouse is available from mid November through mid May.

For more information on renting, contact the Ochoco National Forest 541-416-6500 or visit our website at: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon).

*Thank you, your help makes a difference!*

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## The Fees:

Project Name	Total \$ Dollars
Recreation Lodging	\$ 11,862
Campgrounds	\$ 18,867
Northwest Forest Pass	\$ 1,421

## The Accomplishments:



**Recreation Lodging:** Fees were used to supplement maintenance for the historic Cold Springs Ranger Station. Actual accomplishments include:

Cold Springs Guard Station:

- Repainted bedroom.
- Installed solar panes and solar refrigerator.
- Added window treatments.
- General clean up and maintenance of Cold Springs Guard Station.

Bunkhouses:

- Maintained water faucets.
- Maintained smoke alarms.
- Maintained light fixtures.
- General clean up and maintenance of bunkhouses.



**Campgrounds:** Keeping the funds at the sites where users pay, the fees collected at each campground were used for continued operations and maintenance and some improvements at the sites such as:

- Purchased two new fee tube inserts.
- Retro-fitted 2 fee tubes to meet collection requirements.
- Operated and maintained 6 campgrounds.
- Recaulked and painted the interior of 1 vault toilet.
- Replaced 13 tables at Haystack Reservoir Campground.
- Replaced two faucets at Haystack Reservoir Campground.
- Replaced one toilet door handle at Haystack Reservoir Campground.
- Maintained and repaired three tables at Deep Creek Campground.



**Northwest Forest Pass:** The \$1421 collected for the Northwest Forest Pass project is the percentage kept to cover the cost of selling the passes. The remainder of the funds goes to Northwest Forest Pass sites on the Deschutes National Forest.