

# **Caring for the Land and Serving People**

#### **Recreation Fees 2007**

Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region



# Rogue River Siskiyou 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	\$116,779	\$170
Malheur	\$65,769	\$48,115	\$185	\$0	\$10,293	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$980,036	\$836,045	\$76,764	\$22,192	\$145,474	\$0
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.



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## Rogue River-Siskiyou NF Accomplishments



#### **Recreation Pass Revenues**

- Supported routine maintenance of facilities and public contacts at 208 sites including campgrounds, trailheads, interpretive sites, picnic areas, day use areas and boat launches.
- Constructed 150 feet of gabion supports on the Lower Rogue River Trail.
- Reconstructed and maintained 51 miles of trials on the Pacific Crest Trail
- Installed bear-resistant fencing for food storage at nine sites in the Rogue Wild and Scenic River.
- Completed rehabilitation of the Rogue River National Recreation Trail damaged by the Blossom Fire.

#### Partnerships funded through recreation fees

 Partnered with Northwest Youth Corps, Pacific Crest Trail Association, Americorps, and Ashland Woodlands and Trails Association to maintain and reconstruct trails across the Forest.



#### **Campground Revenues**

- Completed routine operation and maintenance of 27 developed campgrounds, picnic sites and day use areas.
- Provided campground hosts to clean and maintain campground facilities and assist visitors including the Rogue Wild and Scenic River corridor.
- Updated visitor information on Forest web sites.
- Resurfaced the Foster Bar Boat Ramp parking area.
- Conducted hazard tree assessment and removal at several campgrounds.
- Continued engineering inspections of campgrounds.

#### Partnerships funded through recreation fees

 Leveraged grants worth \$125,000 to maintain and operate developed campgrounds and dispersed sites.



#### **Recreation Rental Revenues**

- Installed solar panels for lighting at the Ludlum cabin rental.
- Completed the reconstruction and lightening protection at Snowcamp Lookout Rental.

#### Partnerships funded through recreation fees

- Sponsored Lower Rogue River clean up with public and the South Coast Watershed Council.
- Made facility improvements to Big Elk and Lodgepole cabin rentals with additional funding from the RAC program.



#### **Special Permit Revenues**

- Maintained River Bridge Recreation Site and Bessie Shelter by SUP permit holder.
- Issued a one year SUP for jet boat races on the Lower Section of the Rogue Wild and Scenic River.
- Administered over 65 outfitter and guiding special use permits in addition to numerous one time special events.

#### Contact



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