

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	170
Total Acres on Malheur NF Lands	144,827

Cause of Fire	
Lightning	112
Smoking	0
Arson	0
Campfire	49
Debris Burning	5
Equipment	0
Miscellaneous	4

Fires less than 1 acre	126
Largest Fire (Egley Complex Fire)	55,420 acres

Fuel Treatment

Thinning	4,519
Hand/Machine Pile Burn	2,726
Prescribe Fire	4,623
Hand/Machine Pile	4,698
Total Acres Treated	16,350

Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Acres	3,082
Non-WUI Acres	13,474

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FOREST FACTS 2007 MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST

October 1, 2006 - September 30, 2007



Aldrich Mountain, Blue Mountain Ranger District

Photo courtesy of Tom Iraci, R6 Regional Office

A Traditional Way of Life

A dispersed recreation destination where local communities share traditions and heritage with visitors. Recreation visitors enjoy the freedom to hunt, drive, camp and hike in a wild place and enjoy the beauty and diversity of forest ecosystems away from major population centers.

Malheur National Forest
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FOREST SUPERVISOR AND STAFF (2007)

Forest Supervisor	Gary "Stan" L. Benes
Natural Resources	Rene' Mabe
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DISTRICT RANGERS (2007)

Blue Mountain Ranger District
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John Day, Oregon 97845
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Prairie City Ranger District
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Prairie City, Oregon 97869
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Emigrant Creek Ranger District
265 Highway 20 South
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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 Forest.)

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
Yellowjacket 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 Nat'l Recreation Trail	7.5 miles

Heritage Resources

Archaeological Sites	4,550
Historic Buildings	79

EMPLOYEES

Permanent Full-time/Permanent Part-time and Temporary 220

HUMAN RESOURCE PROGRAMS	# of People	Value of Work
Hosted Programs	5	\$42,739
Volunteers in National Forests	166	\$387,413

A total of 2,277 hours were worked by hosted employees and 20,640 hours by volunteers.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Final Budget	\$23,346,466
Expenditures	\$21,854,551

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	\$461,829
Salvage	\$206,808
Brush Disposal	\$ 47,458
Range, Special Uses and Other	<u>\$ 18,325</u>
Total	\$834,420

Recreation Fee Revenue \$38,210

Payment to Counties

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

Grant	\$678,708
Harney	\$579,678
Baker	\$ 10,356
Crook	<u>\$ 13,966</u>
Total	\$1,282,708

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

This fact sheet is only a summary of the Forest's activities. To find out more about the Malheur National Forest, please visit us at: www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur or call us at (541)575-3000.

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

Number of Timber Sales	7
Timber Sold	11.2 mmbf
Timber Cut	23.4 mmbf
Timber Sold Value	\$505,358
Post and Pole Permits Sold	52
Value of Post and Pole Permits	\$1,735
Firewood Permits Sold	1,361
Number of Cords of Firewood	6,748
Value of Firewood Permits	\$33,740
Christmas Tree Tags Sold	501
Value of Christmas Tree Tags	\$2,505
Mushroom Permits Sold	67
Value of Mushroom Permits Sold	\$2,240
Acres Reforestation	863
Acres Pre-commercial Thinning	5,370

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
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

WATERSHED AND AQUATICS PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT

Soil and Water Resource Improvement	36 acres
Riparian Surveys	32 miles
Stream Surveys	27 miles

FISH, WILDLIFE AND BOTANY HABITAT MANAGEMENT

Wildlife Habitat Accomplishments *With* Partners

9 Projects - 6,994 acres	
Forest Service Dollars	\$66,799
Partner Dollars	\$36,091
Partner In-kind Value	<u>\$71,126</u>
Total Project Dollars	\$174,016

Wildlife Habitat Accomplishments *Without* Partners

9 Projects - 10,553 acres	
Total Project Dollars	\$251,314

Fisheries Habitat Accomplishments *With* Partners

3 Projects - 3 miles	
Forest Service Dollars	\$ 1,092
Partner Dollars	\$ 1,000
Partner In-kind Value	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Project Dollars	\$ 2,092

Fisheries Habitat Accomplishments *Without* Partners

12 Projects - 4.4 miles	
Total Project Dollars	\$211,732

NatureWatch Accomplishments *With* Partners

5 Projects - 61 Presentations/457 Attendees	
Forest Service Dollars	\$ 5,510
Partner Dollars	\$ 1,500
Partner In-kind Value	<u>\$ 2,750</u>
Total Project Dollars	\$ 9,760

Threatened and Endangered Species & Accomplishments *With* Partners

1 Project - 6 miles stream restoration	
Forest Service Dollars	\$ 2,260
Partner Dollars	\$200,000
Partner In-kind Value	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Project Dollars	\$202,260



Indian Paintbrush

Photo courtesy of Tom Iraci, R6 Regional Office

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	Gray Flycatcher
Upland Sandpiper	Lewis' Woodpecker
Tricolored Blackbird	White-headed Woodpecker
California Wolverine	Pygmy Rabbit
Westslope Cutthroat Trout	Columbia Spotted Frog
Redband Trout	
Columbia River Bulltrout	
Mid-Columbia Sumer Steelhead	

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