



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region



Recreation Fees 2005

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Golden Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	307,410	255,026	16,385	0	5,421	1,500
Colville	19,497	17,212	0	0	1,553	0
Deschutes	411,009	412,591	73,962	4,831	45,083	37,638
Fremont-Winema	33,955	68,092	9,864	0	2,019	0
Gifford Pinchot	1,225,669	1,043,999	15,117	0	116,040	71,044
Malheur	67,092	39,407	90	0	1,255	0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	905,613	845,700	52,283	0	89,202	36,548
Mt. Hood	323,465	295,793	11,879	0	23,706	18,389
Ochoco	31,106	29,537	1,819	706	1,447	0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	645,718	622,382	40,731	6,914	25,015	40,404
Olympic	242,914	183,230	0	0	64,900	4,299
Rogue River-Siskiyou	208,324	204,352	18,261	0	5,753	4,867
Siuslaw	1,682,462	1,887,771	31,936	0	24,263	3,816
Umatilla	74,793	85,862	3,989	0	2,010	0
Umpqua	315,364	339,167	7,453	0	3,285	2,504
Wallowa-Whitman	175,424	153,149	122,397	85,649	4,012	0
Willamette	273,931	227,956	14,313	294	15,014	13,112

Recreation Fees Make a Difference in the Pacific Northwest

With the passage of the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) in December 2004, the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service focused on providing quality recreation services and facilities in 2005.

The Act enables the Region to continue to retain and reinvest 80-95 percent of the funds collected. These funds help improve and maintain the facilities and services that people use and expect.

Fewer sites in the Region now require fees since the passage of the Act. Recreation passes, such as the Northwest Forest Pass, cover approximately 500 day use sites in the Region. A guide to these sites, including trailheads, picnic areas, boat launches and interpretive facilities, is available at Forest Service offices.

Recreation fees also contributed to the management of over 300 campgrounds, 70 cabin rentals and offered 20 heritage expeditions. The Region issued over 20 kinds of special recreation permits, including wilderness, rivers, boat docks, Christmas trees, cross-country skiing, and climbing.

In 2005, recreation fees contributed approximately \$8 million to the Pacific Northwest Region. These funds will be used in future years to provide safety and security at recreation sites, maintain facilities such as restrooms and trails as well as aid in youth work programs, and supply matching funds for partnerships.

Each Forest has prepared a report, such as this one, showing exactly where funds were used. Thank you for supporting this program and helping us make a difference!

Gifford-Pinchot National Forest

Protecting and passing on our nation's heritage is a main focus of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. To accomplish this task, attention is paid to preserving the history of the land by educating people about the ecology and past cultures that lived here.

In 2005 fees were leveraged for partner programs which provided over 3,800 hours in volunteer labor. Gifford Pinchot National Forest provides programs, tours, and maintains trails for over 1,000,000 visitors each year.



Johnston Ridge Visitor Observatory



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Gifford-Pinchot Accomplishments:



Recreation Passes:

- Provided routine maintenance at all trails, picnic sites, information boards, and recreation pass sites
- Provided guided lantern walks at Ape Cave for 46,000 visitors
- Conducted guided walks at Meta Lake and Windy Ridge for 10,600 visitors
- Partnered with Northwest Service Academy, Ameri-Corps Youth Program, to rehabilitate portions of the popular Thomas Lake Trail



Campgrounds:

- Provided routine maintenance including removal of hazard trees, maintaining and pumping toilets, water systems, campsites, and information boards
- Stained picnic tables and updated water systems



Cabin Rentals:

- Cleaned guard stations after every reservation
- Completed new toilet facility and pest control



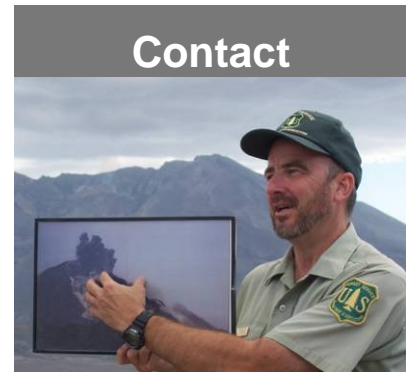
Mt. Adams Climbing:

- Maintained 15.9 miles of trails and 8.4 miles of road
- Provided climbing rangers daily through the summer
- Supplied 7,000 bags to pack out human waste



Mt. St. Helens Visitor Centers:

- Cleaned and maintained all visitor center facilities on daily basis, included snow removal in parking and walk areas
- Presented interpretive talks, walks, and hikes for 70,000 visitors
- Hosted 27 volunteers who work at visitor centers
- Developed temporary displays to explain recent volcanic activity
- Developed lesson plans for teachers,
- Hosted 12,800 students and teachers
- Provided ranger talks for school groups
- Updated theater equipment and volcanic monitoring equipment



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Thomas Lake Trail Maintenance



JRO interpretive program