



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Recreation Fees 2006

## Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



# Okanagon & Wenatchee National Forests

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Golden Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$198,840	\$253,007	\$21,329	\$3,597	\$4,432	\$44
Colville	\$26,715	\$22,195	\$170	\$0	\$2,235	\$0
Deschutes	\$399,150	\$318,305	\$166,430	\$69,779	\$33,878	\$32,502
Fremont-Winema	\$41,754	\$54,471	\$44,035	\$15,099	\$1,868	\$0
Gifford Pinchot	\$847,428	\$989,226	\$21,846	\$100	\$106,978	\$100,525
Malheur	\$48,385	\$38,853	\$636	\$0	\$801	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$814,416	\$1,240,339	\$27,387	\$51,044	\$78,012	\$9,749
Mt. Hood	\$347,049	\$327,815	\$20,997	\$240	\$10,797	\$32,548
Ochoco	\$32,535	\$26,504	\$3,516	\$0	\$1,248	\$0
<b>Okanagon &amp; Wenatchee</b>	<b>\$674,612</b>	<b>\$477,215</b>	<b>\$66,430</b>	<b>\$19,018</b>	<b>\$17,812</b>	<b>\$865</b>
Olympic	\$226,859	\$216,502	\$0	\$0	\$46,592	\$7,581
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$221,040	\$196,384	\$76,147	\$152	\$5,970	\$7,854
Siuslaw	\$1,744,937	\$1,618,199	\$40,280	\$4,178	\$15,306	\$7,964
Umatilla	\$78,099	\$106,181	\$13,177	\$2,744	\$1,490	\$0
Umpqua	\$324,650	\$309,884	\$11,707	\$4,816	\$2,599	\$4,649
Wallowa-Whitman	\$198,938	\$234,175	\$174,306	\$100,759	\$3,675	\$0
Willamette	\$213,473	\$228,882	\$48,523	\$3,225	\$10,385	\$16,544

## Recreation Fees Make a Difference in the Pacific Northwest

Your fee dollars help provide a variety of recreation facilities and services at Forest Service recreation fee sites in Oregon and Washington. Whether you have concerns or kudos, we invite you to comment on how these funds are spent.

Recreation fees -- it is your money and you should know what happens to it. The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), authorized in December 2004, recognized this and required all agencies to share accomplishments that occur on recreation fee sites.

Even prior to REA, the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region has been day-lighting how we have used funds through individual Forest Accomplishment Reports and on-site signing. We work hard to ensure you know where the money goes and to 'grow' the money by matching it with other funding sources such as grants or volunteer labor.

Because of REA, each Forest now retains 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.

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, friendly, helpful employees, 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 the recreation fee program coordinator, who is identified on the back of this report.

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

## Introducing a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee in the Pacific Northwest

New this year, you will have an additional opportunity to get involved in the recreation fee program.

A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Recreation RAC) is forming this year. The Recreation RAC is a group of citizens interested in recreation fees who will provide recommendations on Forest Service proposals for new fees or changing existing fees.

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



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## Okanogon and Wenatchee Accomplishments



### Recreation Pass Revenues

- Completed routine maintenance, compliance checks and public contacts at 99 sites including trailheads, interpretive sites, picnic areas and boat launches.
- Maintained 320 miles of motorized trails and 300 miles of non-motorized and wilderness trails.
- Constructed 300 feet of puncheon on the Shoestring Trail.
- Constructed 900 feet of reroutes on the Jolly Mountain Trail.
- Installed improvements at 10 trailheads on the Methow Valley RD.
- Installed permanent, bear-resistant garbage facilities and interpretive signs at Irongate, Chewuch, Long Swamp and 14-Mile trailheads.
- Installed fee tubes for day use fee envelopes on the Tonasket RD.

### Partnerships funded through recreation fees

- Installed fee tubes for day use fee envelopes on the Tonasket RD.
- Partnered with the Washington Trails Association, Americorps and the Northwest Youth Corps to maintain and reconstruct trails.



### Campground Revenues

- Completed routine maintenance of 70 campgrounds, 9 group camp sites and 4 recreation rental cabins.
- Provided campground hosts to clean and maintain campground facilities and assist visitors.
- Replaced single vault toilet at Deep Creek Horse Camp.
- Funded two Forest Service employees to spend the summer sanding and refinishing picnic tables.
- Purchased two new picnic tables for Bonaparte and Lost Lake campgrounds.
- Purchased four bear-resistant dumpsters for Tonasket campgrounds.

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



### Special Permit Revenues



- Provided 20 miles of groomed winter nordic ski trails at Echo Ridge and plowed access roads and parking lots.
- Repaired docks on Lake Chelan.
- Managed the Enchantment Reservation System, funded two Forest Service employees to patrol within the permit area, annual helicopter removal of backcountry toilets.
- Extended evenings and weekend office hours to sell Christmas Tree permits and provided Christmas Tree Patrol on Fridays and weekends for public assistance, compliance and safety.

## Contact



### Okanogon and Wenatchee National Forests

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