



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Recreation Fees 2006

Forest Accomplishment Report
Pacific Northwest Region



Umpqua National Forest

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
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$674,612	\$477,215	\$66,430	\$19,018	\$17,812	\$865
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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Cabin Rental Program

- To improve public convenience in acquiring rental keys, combination key boxes were installed at the Cottage Grove Ranger District in order to facilitate 24-hour, 7-day/week key access to renters of recreation cabins.
- A door lock was replaced at Whiskey Camp, some flooring replaced at Pickett Butte, window glass replaced at Butler Butte, and repairs made at Acker Rock Lookout, all on Tiller Ranger District (RD). On Cottage Grove RD, fascia boards were replaced at Musik Guard Station; an interior bulletin board display of photos was completed about recreation opportunities; along with the closure of unregulated All-Terrain Vehicle access and planting of some screening vegetation. Fairview Peak had lights replaced, a photo display of vistas completed, and a lower level security door for renters installed.



Campground Revenues

- Three permanent concrete tables were installed on the Cottage Grove RD to upgrade existing tables and reduce the ongoing "relocation" of tables by users.
- Gates were installed at Lund Park and Mt. Thielsen Campground to allow for seasonal and partial closure of sites.
- On the Diamond Lake RD, 15 picnic tables were repaired and 35 tables replaced in campgrounds. Replaced 10 fire-rings and repaired/refurbished 10-12 signs and bulletin boards.
- Conducted hazard tree removal; reduced brush piles and tall grass for fire safety in the vicinity of hydrants and amphitheater.
- Fees were collected at all fee sites. Reservations were coordinated and monitored. Water was tested, supplies purchased, cleaning conducted for garbage, shower/restroom were cleaned, and litter picked up. Within sites, 270 fire pits were cleaned in campgrounds. Permits were acquired for water and sewer facilities. A duty officer was provided at the gatehouse to Diamond Lake and extra patrols were assigned for the 4th of July weekend. Law enforcement was continued for compliance, warnings issued, security increased, and incident reports written.
- Diamond Lake Visitor Center stayed open, with a stipend provided to the volunteer. Non-monetary awards were provided to the volunteers who presented programs free-of-charge and volunteered within the campgrounds. Mileage was reimbursed for campground hosts.

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