

Recreation Facility Analysis

GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST PROPOSED 5-YEAR PROGRAM OF WORK

Background

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest is proposing future management of developed recreation sites through a process called "Recreation Facility Analysis (RFA)." Every national forest in the nation will also complete this process by 2008.

We want to provide healthy, safe, and well-maintained recreation opportunities that are important to local communities and visitors to our area. Through the RFA process, the overall goals of our recreation site program are to:

- Focus resources on the most appropriate recreation opportunities to meet changing public desires and demands.
- Maintain or enhance visitor satisfaction with the sites and services provided.
- Meet quality health and safety standards at all developed recreation sites.
- Be financially sustainable.
- Be environmentally sound.
- Maintain community sustainability.

Many of our facilities had been built 30-50 years ago and have reached the end of their useful life without significant deferred maintenance investment. Other facilities receive little or no use, and no longer serve the demand that existed in years past. The fundamental premise of the program of work is to create an inventory which is sustainable and flexible enough to be annually adapted to any changes in demand, available resources, and opportunities.

At each forest, the RFA process involves several steps: gathering inventory and financial data; identifying the forest recreation niche; evaluating each developed recreation site against established national criteria (including conformance with the forest niche, financial efficiency, and environmental and community sustainability); and ranking the recreation sites according to those criteria. Using this analysis, as well as professional judgment and assessment of our ability to meet current and future demand, the Forest has documented a Proposed 5-Year Program of Work. **We welcome your comments and suggestions on this proposal!**

What's Happening on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest?

A Forest's recreation niche defines the best-suited recreation experiences or benefits that the forest can provide. It's what makes a forest special, and fosters quality recreation versus quantity, or trying to be all things to all people. It provides a good description of the uniquely specific recreation opportunities provided by the Forest within the context of the forest's ecological features, opportunities provided by others in the area, and the demands and desires of recreation visitors to the area now and into the future. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest niche is:

The Heartbeat of the Cascade Range

The living volcanic landscape of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest climbs from the depths of the Columbia River to the heights of the Cascade Mountains.

Multi-cultural, first time and repeat visitors learn environmental stewardship for this incredible place through opportunities near the urban edge of the forest and at Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

Backcountry campsites near lava-sculpted lakes and remote settings in the lush high Cascades provide opportunities for visitors to hone their skills while developing a love and commitment to outdoor recreation.

The traditional characteristics of this backcountry forest, next door to 10 million people, provide opportunities for the Forest to connect with the urban world.

This niche provides an umbrella context for all recreation programs on the Forest and helps us match up what is most wanted with what we can best provide, to create the most value for the public within our available resources.

Through this Recreation Facility Analysis, we are proposing a 5-year program of work to bring the Forest's recreation infrastructure into alignment with the forest recreation niche and the resources available to operate and maintain it to standard.

This proposed program of work is also important to address the backlog of needed maintenance at facilities that has been increasing over the years, creating health, safety, and visitor satisfaction concerns. Referred to as "deferred maintenance," the amount of work needed in sites nationally has reached \$346 million. On the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, the backlog of deferred maintenance is over \$4.8 million. Along with that, less than one-quarter of all Forest Service developed recreation sites is now being operated to meet all quality standards.

More about the Recreation Facility Analysis:

The Forest completed an evaluation of each developed recreation site using established national criteria, ranking their recreation sites according to those criteria, and making a recommendation for a Proposed 5-Year Program of Work using this information as well as professional judgment, and ability to meet current and future demand. The criteria include:

- Conformance to the forest niche and amount of recreation use (35%)
- Financial efficiency (35%)

- Environmental and community sustainability (30%).

We also considered if sites were under some type of operational or contractual agreement whose terms are longer than the 5-year period of the RFA analysis (i.e. concessionaire-managed campground).

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest evaluated a total of 166 developed recreation sites. The following table summarizes the number of recreation sites evaluated by “site type.”

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Developed Recreation Site Summary

Recreation Site Type	Number of Sites Evaluated
Campground	44
Group Campground	2
Horse Camp	9
Picnic Area	7
Trailhead	46
Boating Site	3
Cabins/Lookouts	2
Interpretative Major	1
Interpretative Minor	23
Information Site	2
Observation Site	9
Other Visitor Service	1
Sno-Park	15
Administrative Sites	2
TOTAL:	166

The Proposed Actions and Program of Work for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest::

During the ranking process a variety of proposed management actions were considered, including:

Proposed Management Action	Number of Sites
No Change	84
Replace or improve facilities	16
Increase or improve services	7
Add to concession-operated sites	4
Increase or begin charging a fee	11
Reduce maintenance service frequency	5
Convert to lower development or dispersed site	18
Reduce managed season of use	1
Remove facilities to reduce maintenance costs	13
Decommission remaining facilities at site	18
Close site, defer decommissioning	1

The specific list of Proposed Management Actions by Ranger District and Site Name is attached at the end of this document.

Results

The following results can be expected upon implementation of the proposed management actions summarized above, and described in the attachment. These particular results focus specifically on financial sustainability, reduced deferred maintenance, and meeting quality health and safety standards at all developed recreation sites.

Result	Baseline Condition	Program of Work Changed Condition	Percent Change
Appropriated Funds Available ¹	\$ 187,840	\$ 187,840	0%
Fee Receipts Available	\$ 518,466	\$ 599,346	16%
Other Funds Available ²	\$ 11,500	\$ 9,800	-15%
Annual Operating Costs	\$938,277	\$ 464,150	-50%
Annual Maintenance Costs	\$815,919	\$ 284,705	-65%
Deferred Maintenance Costs	\$4,480,427	\$3,114,908	-30%
Total PAOTs	17,451	14,732	-16%
PAOT Days Managed to Standard ³	1,359,061	2,337,494	72%
Annual O&M Costs/PAOT Day	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.32	-27%

¹Appropriated funds available are reflected using FY 2008 as the baseline funding year, with the assumption for this analysis that developed recreation funding will remain flat (subject to forest and regional priorities).

²Other Funds Available include funding from partnerships, grants, and other funding made available that are not appropriated funds or fee receipts.

³PAOT = People at One Time (or capacity of a site at any one time). PAOT Days equate to the number of days in a season where sites are managed to standard multiplied by total PAOT.

We will also continue to monitor visitor satisfaction with the sites and services provided, and consider how our developed recreation program contributes to local community stability. Some of the proposed actions will require full National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, assuring environmental sound decisions.

How closely the Forest adheres to the plan will depend upon available funding and resources, as well as the public's interest, and in many cases, involvement and partnership to enhance our recreation program. If you are interested in helping the Forest implement or improve on the proposed program of work, please contact Robin Rose, Recreation Program Manager at Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters, 10600 N.E. 51st Circle, Vancouver, Washington, 98682, or by phone (360) 891-5177.

Please feel free to contact your local ranger district or Forest with questions and comments about our process or proposed management actions. We would like to hear from you!

Attachment

GPNF-PS 11/29/2007		PROPOSED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS GIFFORD PINCHOT National Forest				*Managed open/closed dates represent the dates that services and maintenance would occur. The site may be open to the public without any services provided or it may be physically closed outside of the managed season.			
RANGER DISTRICT	SITE NAME	SITE TYPE	* PLANNED OPEN DATE	* PLANNED CLOSING DATE	PLANNED CAPACITY (PAOT)	PROPOSED MANAGEMENT ACTION(s)	MGT OPTION CODE(s)	PROPOSED YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION	
Cowlitz Valley	ADAMS FORK CG	CAMPGROUND	20-May	15-Sep	155	Replace campground facilities (tables and firerings). See - Investment priorities to reduce Deferred Maintenance.	L1	2010	
Cowlitz Valley	BERRY PATCH TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Jun	30-Sep	55		NC1		
Cowlitz Valley	BIG CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	145	Replace campground facilities (tables and firerings). See - Investment priorities to reduce Deferred Maintenance.	L1	2012	
Cowlitz Valley	BLUE LAKE CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	55		NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	BLUE LAKE ORV TH	TRAILHEAD	15-May	15-Sep	30		NC1		
Cowlitz Valley	CAT CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	20-May	30-Sep	25	Work through RRAC to begin charging rec fees at site.	I3	2008	
Cowlitz Valley	CAT CREEK CHIMNEY CG	CAMPGROUND	20-May	30-Sep	30	Work through RRAC to begin charging rec fees at site.	I3	2008	
Cowlitz Valley	CHAIN-OF-LAKES CG	CAMPGROUND	1-Jun	15-Sep	33		NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	CODY HC	HORSE CAMP	20-May	30-Sep	110	Work through RRAC to begin charging rec fees at site.	I3	2008	
Cowlitz Valley	ELK PASS (BOUNDARY TR) TH	TRAILHEAD	10-May	5-Oct	30	Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet lower development scale (DL1).	E7,K1,K2	2010	
Cowlitz Valley	HORSESHOE LAKE CG	CAMPGROUND	1-Jun	30-Sep	55	Work through FLREA to begin Rec Fees at site. Include in prospectus to convert to concession operation in 2010.	H1,I3	2010	
Cowlitz Valley	IRON CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	594	Replace campground facilities (toilets, tables, firerings). See - Investment priorities to reduce Deferred Maintenance.	L1	2011	
Cowlitz Valley	IRON CREEK PG	PICNIC SITE	15-May	15-Sep	70		NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	JOHNSON CREEK SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	50		NC1		
Cowlitz Valley	KEENES HC	HORSE CAMP	1-Jun	30-Sep	85	Work through FLREA to begin Rec Fees at site. Include in prospectus to convert to concession operation in 2010.	H1,I3	2010	
Cowlitz Valley	KILLEN CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	1-Jun	15-Sep	45	Work through RRAC to begin Rec Fees at site. Include in prospectus to convert to concession operation in 2010. <small>Revised prospectus in 2010. Reopened toilet.</small>	H1,L1,I3	2010	
Cowlitz Valley	LA WIS WIS CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	700		NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	LA WIS WIS PG	PICNIC SITE	15-May	15-Sep	70	Remove flush toilet and asso. Wastewater system and replace with accessible vault toilet. See - Investment Priorities to Reduce Deferred Maintenance.	D9,L1	2011	
Cowlitz Valley	LAYSER CAVE INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	1-May	30-Nov	22	Establish partnership to continue O&M of site.	H2	2009	
Cowlitz Valley	MT. RAINIER-GOAT ROCKS OS	OBSERVATION SITE	15-Apr	30-Nov	39		NC1		
Cowlitz Valley	NORTH FORK CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	165		NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	NORTH FORK CGG	GROUP CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	105		NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	OLALLIE LAKE CG	CAMPGROUND	1-Jun	15-Sep	25		NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	ORR CREEK SP	SNOWPARK	15-Dec	1-Apr	80	Replace toilet. See - Investment priorities to reduce Deferred Maintenance.	L1	2008	
Cowlitz Valley	OSBORNE MOUNTAIN TH	TRAILHEAD	15-May	15-Sep	9		NC1		
Cowlitz Valley	PACKWOOD LAKE TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	30-Sep	100	Change development scale.	K1	2008	
Cowlitz Valley	PALISADES OS	OBSERVATION SITE	15-Apr	30-Nov	35		NC1		
Cowlitz Valley	QUARTZ CREEK BIG TREES INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)			0	Remove all constructed features and manage as general forest area.	A1a	2009	
Cowlitz Valley	SKATE CREEK SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	35		NC1		
Cowlitz Valley	SNOWGRASS HIKERS TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Jun	30-Sep	70	Improve site developments, add toilet building. Work through RRAC to include site in NWFP program.	F16,F17,I3,K1	2008	
Cowlitz Valley	SODA SPRINGS CG & TH	CAMPGROUND	20-Apr	15-Oct	63	Relocate trailhead to reduce camping at site. Manage as a dispersed recreation site <small>and remove constructed features as needed.</small>	E7,K1,K2	2010	
Cowlitz Valley	SUMMIT CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	10-May	5-Oct	30	Manage as dispersed recreation site and remove constructed features to meet development scale (DL1).	E7,K1,K2	2010	
Cowlitz Valley	TAKHLAKH DAY USE AREA PG	PICNIC SITE	15-Jun	30-Sep	30	Consider lower development scale in all maintenance/reconstruction/replacement projects.	NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	TAKHLAKH LAKE CG	CAMPGROUND	15-Jun	30-Sep	270	Consider lower development scale in all campground facility maintenance/reconstruction/replacement projects.	NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	TOWER ROCK CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	110		NC2		
Cowlitz Valley	WAKEPISH SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	100		NC1		
Cowlitz Valley	WALUPT HC	HORSE CAMP	1-Jun	30-Sep	65	Work through RRAC to begin Rec Fees at site. Include in prospectus to convert to concession operation in 2010.	H1,I3	2010	
Cowlitz Valley	WALUPT LAKE CG	CAMPGROUND	1-Jun	15-Sep	320	Replace toilets. Remove water system when system requires significant maintenance needs. Consider lower development scale in all campground facility maintenance/construction/replacements.	D8,K1,L1	2012	
Cowlitz Valley	WOODS CREEK WATCHABLE WILDLIFE INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-May	15-Sep	82		NC1		
Cowlitz Valley	YELLOWJACKET PONDS PG	PICNIC SITE			0	Remove remaining facilities. (Site has been closed since 1996).	A1a	2009	

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Mount St. Helens NVM	83 MONUMENT ENTRY INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	10-May	5-Oct	7	Reduce maintenance frequency. Remove facilities as needed to meet lower development scale (DL3).	E7,K1	2010
Mount St. Helens NVM	APE CANYON TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	1-Dec	28		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	APE CAVE INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	1-Apr	31-Dec	370		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	BEAR MEADOW INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	42		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	BERRYFIELDS ACCESS OS	OBSERVATION SITE	20-Apr	15-Oct	175	Reduce maintenance frequency. Remove facilities as needed to meet lower development scale (DL3).	E7,K1	2010
Mount St. Helens NVM	BIG CREEK FALLS TH	TRAILHEAD	25-May	1-Sep	10		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	BLUE LAKE TH	TRAILHEAD			0	Site facilities and road access destroyed in 2006 floods. Remove any remaining facility debris to clean up site and eliminate hazards.	A1a	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	BLUFF MOUNTAIN TH	TRAILHEAD	20-May	21-Sep	24	Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet lower development scale (DL1).	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mount St. Helens NVM	CANYON CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove all remaining facilities at site.	A1b	2012
Mount St. Helens NVM	CASCADE PEAKS CONCESSION	OTHER RECREATION CONCESSION SITE	15-May	15-Oct	53	Facilities owned by MSH Institute.	NC3	
Mount St. Helens NVM	CASCADE PEAKS INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	77		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	CASTLE LAKE VIEWPOINT OS	OBSERVATION SITE	1-May	1-Dec	88		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	CEDAR CREEK VIEWPOINT INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	35		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	CEDAR FLATS TH	TRAILHEAD	20-May	26-Sep	21	Reduce maintenance frequency. Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet lower development scale (DL2).	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mount St. Helens NVM	CLEARWATER OVERLOOK	OBSERVATION SITE	15-May	15-Oct	42		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	CLIMBERS BIVOUAC TH	TRAILHEAD	15-May	31-Oct	100		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	COLDWATER LAKE PICNIC AND BOATING	BOATING SITE	1-May	1-Dec	200		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	COUGAR SP	SNOWPARK	3-Dec	1-Apr	88		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	CURLY CR FALLS TH	TRAILHEAD	15-May	1-Oct	53	Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet lower development scale (DL2).	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mount St. Helens NVM	DONNYBROOK INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	52		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	GREEN RIVER HC	HORSE CAMP	1-Jul	15-Oct	40	Reduce maintenance frequency (restroom cleaning). Increase use of volunteers at site.	E3,H3	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	HARMONY VIEWPOINT INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	32		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	HUMMOCK/BOUNDARY TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	1-Dec	100		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	INDEPENDENCE PASS TH	TRAILHEAD	15-Jun	15-Oct	28		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	JOHNSTON RIDGE OBSERVATORY	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MAJOR)	15-May	1-Nov	1900	Complete Deferred Maintenance Projects per MSHNVM Maintenance Plan.	L2	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	JUNE LAKE TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	1-Oct	35		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	KALAMA HC	HORSE CAMP	15-May	15-Nov	225	Work through FLREA RRAC to increase Rec Fees at site. Increase use of volunteers at site.	H3,I4	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	LAHAR VIEWPOINT INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	1-May	1-Dec	52		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	LAVA CANYON INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	1-May	2-Dec	80		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	LEWIS RIVER (QUARTZ CR BR) TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	1-Oct	35		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	LEWIS RIVER HC	HORSE CAMP			0	Remove constructed features. Manage as a dispersed camping area.	A1b	2012
Mount St. Helens NVM	LONE BUTTE SP	SNOWPARK	0-Jan	0-Jan	210		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	LOOWIT OS	OBSERVATION SITE	15-May	1-Nov	175		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	LOWER FALLS CG	CAMPGROUND	1-May	31-Dec	269	Work through FLREA RRAC to increase rec fees at site. Increase use of volunteers at site.	H3,I4	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	MARBLE MOUNTAIN SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	525		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	MCCLELLAN OS	OBSERVATION SITE	1-May	31-Dec	42		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	META LAKE INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	35		NC1	

Mount St. Helens NVM	MIDDLE FALLS TH	TRAILHEAD	25-May	5-Sep	21	Manage as a low development trailhead. Remove constructed features as needed to meet lower development scale (DL1).	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mount St. Helens NVM	MINERS CAR INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	32		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	MONUMENT ENTRY ROAD 99 INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	30		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	MOSS SPRING OS	OBSERVATION SITE	20-Apr	15-Oct	10.5	Manage as a dispersed recreation site and remove constructed features as needed.	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mount St. Helens NVM	MUDDY RIVER PG	PICNIC SITE	20-Apr	15-Oct	35	Manage as a dispersed recreation site and remove constructed features as needed.	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mount St. Helens NVM	NORWAY PASS TH	TRAILHEAD	15-Jun	15-Oct	53		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	OLD MT. ST. HELENS VIEWPOINT OS	OBSERVATION SITE			0	Remove remaining facilities.	A1a	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	PINE CREEK BOULDER INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	1-May	31-Dec	28	Manage as a low development minor interpretation site and remove constructed features as needed to meet development scale (DL2).	E7,K1,K2	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	PINE CREEK INFO	INFORMATION SITE			0	Site closed in 2007.	A1b	2012
Mount St. Helens NVM	PLACID LAKE #29 TH	TRAILHEAD	26-May	1-Dec	28		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	RED ROCK PASS TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	1-Oct	21.5		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	RYAN LAKE INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)			0	Close site. Defer decommissioning.	B1	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	SHEEP CANYON TH	TRAILHEAD			0	Road access eliminated by multiple years of flood damage. Remove any remaining facility debris to clean up site and eliminate hazards.	A1a	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	SILVER STAR TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	7-Oct	30		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	SIouxON TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	1-Dec	45.5	Improve trailhead facilities and services. Work through FLREA RRAC to begin charging rec fees.	F17,I3	2010
Mount St. Helens NVM	SMITH CREEK #8322 TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	1-Oct	70		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	SMITH CREEK (99RD) TH	TRAILHEAD	15-Jun	15-Oct	21		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	SMITH CREEK PICNIC/VIEWPOINT INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	150		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	SOUTH CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove remaining constructed features and manage area for dispersed camping.	A1b	2012
Mount St. Helens NVM	SOUTH COLDWATER TH	TRAILHEAD	15-May	1-Nov	150		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	SOUTH TWIN FALLS CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove remaining constructed features and manage area for dispersed camping.	A1a	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	SUNSET CG	CAMPGROUND	1-Jan	31-Dec	203		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	TILLICUM CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove remaining constructed features and manage area for dispersed camping.	A1b	2012
Mount St. Helens NVM	TRAIL OF TWO FORESTS INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	1-Apr	31-Dec	105		NC1	
Mount St. Helens NVM	TWIN FALLS CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove remaining constructed features and manage area for dispersed camping.	A1a	2009
Mount St. Helens NVM	WINDY RIDGE INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	15-Jun	15-Oct	385	Complete repairs to restroom (concrete work, skylight).	L2	2011

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Mt Adams	ATKISSON SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	120	Continue to manage as SnoPark in winter and Group Campground in summer.	NC1	
Mt Adams	BASKET TREE INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	27-Apr	15-Oct	14	Remove constructed features as needed to meet lower development scale (DL1). Pursue partnership for O&M of site.	E7,H2,K1,K2	2010
Mt Adams	BEAVER CG	CAMPGROUND	1-May	15-Sep	220	Replace toilet buildings to reduce deferred maintenance.	L1	2010
Mt Adams	BERRY FIELDS INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)	1-May	27-Oct	18		NC1	
Mt Adams	BIG TREE INTERP	INTERPRETIVE SITE (MINOR)			0	Pursue partnership for O&M of site.	H6	
Mt Adams	CAMP HOWE	ADMINISTRATIVE SITE	1-May	31-Oct	50	Convert to large group rec site. Establish partnership for O&M of site.	H2,K2	
Mt Adams	COLD SPRING INDIAN CG	CAMPGROUND	1-Jul	15-Oct	35	Replace toilet facility to reduce deferred maintenance.	L1	2010
Mt Adams	CREST CAMP TH	TRAILHEAD	20-Apr	15-Oct	14	Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet development scale (DL1).	E7,K1,K2	2009
Mt Adams	CROFTON RIDGE #73 EAST TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	30-Sep	21	Manage as a low development trailhead. Remove constructed features to meet development scale (DL1).	D2	2008
Mt Adams	CULTUS CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	1-Jul	31-Oct	308	Intermittent closure of small loop during low use season. Replace toilets and tables and improve signs and bulletin boards.	C3,F12,L1	2011
Mt Adams	DIVIDE CAMP #112 TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Jun	20-Sep	40	Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet development scale (DL1).	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mt Adams	FALLS CR. FALLS TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Apr	31-Oct	52.5	Improve trailhead, install accessible toilet and other facilities to change development level to DL3. Work through FLREA RRAC to add site to NWFP program.	F12,F17,I3,K1	2010
Mt Adams	FALLS CREEK HC	HORSE CAMP	1-May	29-Sep	20		NC1	
Mt Adams	FALLS CREEK TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Apr	31-Oct	60	Improve trailhead, install accessible toilet and other facilities to change development level to DL3. Work through FLREA RRAC to add site to NWFP program.	F12,F16,F17,I3,K	2010
Mt Adams	FLATTOP SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	160		NC1	
Mt Adams	FORLORN LAKES CG	CAMPGROUND	1-Jun	31-Oct	135		NC1	
Mt Adams	GOOSE LAKE BOATING	BOATING SITE	1-May	31-Oct	53	Repair boat ramp.	L2	2010
Mt Adams	GOOSE LAKE CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	90		NC2	
Mt Adams	GOVT MINERAL SPRINGS GS RENTAL	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	1-Jan	31-Dec	9	Install ventilation system in garage. Work through RRAC to increase in Cabin Rental Fees at site.	F6,I4	2009
Mt Adams	GOVT. MINERAL SPRINGS CG	CAMPGROUND	1-May	31-Oct	25	Work through RRAC to increase Cabin Rental Fees at site.	I4	2010
Mt Adams	GRAND MEADOWS TH	TRAILHEAD	23-Apr	15-Oct	14	Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet development scale (DL1).	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mt Adams	HEMLOCK LAKE PG	PICNIC SITE	20-May	30-Sep	105	Operate site between May 20 to Sept. 30. Data correction to number of days operate.	C2,D6	2011
Mt Adams	ICE CAVE PG	PICNIC SITE	21-Mar	20-Nov	61		NC1	
Mt Adams	KILLEN CREEK #113 TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Jun	20-Sep	28	Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet development scale (DL2).	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mt Adams	KOSHKO SP	SNOWPARK			0	Remove constructed features and manage as general forest area.	A1a	2009
Mt Adams	LANGFIELD FALLS TH	TRAILHEAD	1-May	2-Nov	21	Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet development scale (DL2).	E7,K1,K2	2011
Mt Adams	LITTLE GOOSE CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove constructed features and manage as general forest area.	A1a	2009
Mt Adams	LITTLE GOOSE HC/TH	HORSE CAMP			0	Remove constructed features and manage as general forest area.	A1a	2009
Mt Adams	LOWER BUCK CR #54 TH	TRAILHEAD	23-Apr	31-Oct	18		NC1	
Mt Adams	MCCLELLAN MEADOWS SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	112	Replace toilet to reduce Deferred Maintenance.	L1	2010
Mt Adams	MEADOW CREEK INDIAN CG	CAMPGROUND	20-Apr	15-Oct	15	Remove constructed features as needed to meet development scale (DL1) and manage area for recreational use.	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mt Adams	MIDDLE TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Jun	31-Oct	7		NC1	
Mt Adams	MORRISON CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	15-Jun	31-Oct	60		NC1	
Mt Adams	MOSQUITO LAKES BOATING	BOATING SITE	15-Jun	30-Sep	20		NC1	
Mt Adams	MOSQUITO TH	TRAILHEAD	20-Apr	15-Oct	18	Manage as a low development trailhead and remove constructed features as needed to meet development scale.	E7,K1,K2	2010
Mt Adams	MOSS CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	90		NC2	
Mt Adams	MOUNTAIN VIEW CAMP	ADMINISTRATIVE SITE	20-Apr	15-Oct	50	Convert to large group rec site. Remove remaining administrative buildings on site. Establish partnership agreement for O&M.	D5,H2,K1,K2	2008
Mt Adams	MT. ADAMS HC	HORSE CAMP	1-May	31-Oct	55	Work through RRAC to increase rec fees at site.	I4	2009

Mt Adams	MUDDY MEADOWS #13 TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Jun	31-Oct	17.5			NC1	
Mt Adams	NATURAL BRIDGES TH	TRAILHEAD	21-Apr	27-Oct	14			NC1	
Mt Adams	OKLAHOMA CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	115			NC2	
Mt Adams	OLD MAN PASS SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	210			NC1	
Mt Adams	PANTHER CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	205			NC2	
Mt Adams	PARADISE CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	15-May	15-Sep	250			NC2	
Mt Adams	PETERSON GCG	GROUP CAMPGROUND	19-May	15-Sep	50			NC2	
Mt Adams	PETERSON PRAIRIE CG	CAMPGROUND	19-May	15-Sep	175			NC2	
Mt Adams	PETERSON PRAIRIE GUARD STATION RENTAL	FIRE LOOKOUTS/CABINS OVERNIGHT	1-Jan	31-Dec	6	Install ventilation system in garage. Work through RRAC to increase in Cabin Rental Fees at site.		I4,L2	2008
Mt Adams	PETERSON PRAIRIE INFO	INFORMATION SITE	1-May	29-Oct	20			NC1	
Mt Adams	PINESIDE SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	70			NC1	
Mt Adams	SADDLE CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove remaining constructed features as needed and manage area for dispersed recreation uses.		A1a	2009
Mt Adams	SMITH BUTTE SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	70			NC1	
Mt Adams	SMOKEY CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove remaining constructed features and manage area for dispersed recreation uses.		A1a	2009
Mt Adams	SNOW KING SP	SNOWPARK	1-Dec	1-Apr	70			NC1	
Mt Adams	SOUTH CLIMB #183 TH	TRAILHEAD	15-Jun	31-Oct	145			NC1	
Mt Adams	STAGMAN RIDGE TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Jun	31-Oct	21			NC1	
Mt Adams	STEAMBOAT LAKE CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove constructed features. Convert site to lower development level trailhead.		D3,K1,K2	2012
Mt Adams	SURPRISE LAKES INDIAN CG	CAMPGROUND	15-Jun	31-Oct	50	Replace toilet facility to reduce deferred maintenance.		L1	2010
Mt Adams	THOMAS LAKE #111 TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Jun	31-Oct	40			NC1	
Mt Adams	TRAPPER CREEK TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Apr	31-Oct	144	Improve signage and toilet facility at site.		F13,F17	2010
Mt Adams	TROUT CREEK CG	CAMPGROUND	20-Mar	31-Oct	85			NC1	
Mt Adams	WHISTLE PUNK TH	TRAILHEAD	20-Apr	31-Oct	105			NC1	
Mt Adams	WICKY SHELTER CG	CAMPGROUND			0	Remove remaining constructed features and manage area for dispersed recreation uses.		A1b	2009
Mt Adams	WILLIAMS MINE TH	TRAILHEAD	1-Jun	31-Oct	42			NC1	

*Managed open/closed dates represent the dates that services and maintenance would occur. The site may be open to the public without any services provided or it may be physically closed outside of the managed season.

MGMT OPTION CODE	MGMT OPTION CODE	MGMT OPTION DESCRIPTION
24	A1a	Decommission: As soon as practical
4	A1b	Decommission: Begin glide path
3	A2	Partial Decommission (e.g., remove campsites next to boat ramp)
1	B1	Closure: Defer decommissioning
1	B2	Partial Closure: Defer decommissioning (e.g., close campsites next to boat ramp but don't remove yet)
0	B3	Closure: Pending completion of site improvements
17	C1	Change Season: Increase season
100	C2	Change Season: Reduce season
2	C3	Change Season: Intermittent closure during season
0	C4	Change Season: Open weekends/holidays only
0	C5	Change Season: Open for hunting season only
0	D1	Remove or Eliminate a Cost Source: Reduce mowed area
1	D2	Remove or Eliminate a Cost Source: Remove trashcans
4	D3	Remove or Eliminate a Cost Source: Remove restroom facilities
0	D4	Remove or Eliminate a Cost Source: Remove tables and/or grills
0	D5	Remove or Eliminate a Cost Source: Other changes to site design or features to reduce costs
4	D6	Remove or Eliminate a Cost Source: Eliminate interpretive programs
0	D7	Remove or Eliminate a Cost Source: Other changes to eliminate on-site services
4	D8	Remove or Eliminate a Cost Source: Close or remove water system
1	D9	Remove or Eliminate a Cost Source: Close or remove waste water system
0	E1	Reduce Service: mow less frequent
0	E2	Reduce Service: trash and clean-up less frequent
2	E3	Reduce Service: restroom cleaning less frequent
0	E4	Reduce Service: staff presence reduced on site
0	E5	Reduce Service: less frequent bulletin board maintenance
0	E6	Reduce Service: less frequent interpretive services
0	E7	Reduce Service: other
0	F1	Increase/Improve Services: Add electrical hook-ups
0	F2	Increase/Improve Services: Increase amps of existing electrical hook-ups
0	F3	Increase/Improve Services: Add water hook-ups
0	F4	Increase/Improve Services: Add sewer hook-ups
0	F5	Increase/Improve Services: Add hot showers
0	F6	Increase/Improve Services: Upgrade existing feature (e.g., replace SST with flush toilets)
0	F7	Increase/Improve Services: Add amenities (playground, swim area, etc)
0	F8	Increase/Improve Services: Add a Host site
0	F9	Increase/Improve Services: Major reconstruction/upgrade of the recreation area
0	F10	Increase/Improve Services: Increase staff presence (including law enforcement)
1	F11	Increase/Improve Services: Add/expand interpretive services
3	F12	Increase/Improve Services: Improve visitor information and bulletin boards
1	F13	Increase/Improve Services: Improve signing
0	F14	Increase/Improve Services: Add water delivery service to individual users
0	F15	Increase/Improve Services: Add greywater/blackwater pumping service to individual users
3	F16	Increase/Improve Services: Other
5	F17	Add a toilet building(s)
0	G1	Construct a new site
5	H1	Change Operator or Workforce: Change to a concession operation [apply a 60% savings to O&M cost per operation]
1	H2	Change Operator or Workforce: Operate through a partner agreement (, local community, State agency, etc)
6	H3	Change Operator or Workforce: Volunteer (increase use of volunteers at the site)
0	H4	Change Operator or Workforce: Contractor (begin or expand use of contracting)
0	H5	Change Operator or Workforce: Prison labor (begin or expand use of prison labor)
0	H6	Change Operator or Workforce: Other
0	I1	Change Fees: Eliminate fee
0	I2	Change Fees: Reduce fee
11	I3	Change Fees: Begin charging a fee
14	I4	Change Fees: Increase current fee
0	I5	Change Fees: Increase fee compliance efforts
1	J1	Change Capacity: Increase Capacity (Add a loop, build additional sites, add parking, etc)
2	J2	Change Capacity: Reduce Capacity (Close a loop, remove camp units, eliminate a parking area, etc.)
2	K1	Site Conversion: Change Development Scale
1	K2	Site Conversion: Change Site Type
0	K3	Site Conversion: Study feasibility of converting site from FA&O facility to recreation site
13	L1	Replacement/Repair: Replacement of an existing constructed feature that results in the reduction of Deferred Maintenance
3	L2	Replacement/Repair: Repair or Rehabilitation of an existing constructed feature that results in the reduction of Deferred Maintenance
1	L3	Replacement/Repair: Conversion of constructed features to meet accessibility standards
17	NC1	No Change: Currently USFS operated
4	NC2	No Change: Currently concession operation
0	NC3	No Change: Currently operated by a partner under some other type of formal agreement

For More Information, or to provide Comments:

Good public participation and communication is an integral part of RFA. We've developed several opportunities to involve our customers and engage conversation. All comments are read and considered. But how do you make a substantive comment about the RFA process?

~Specific feedback could include answering the following questions:

- Does our Recreation Niche hit the mark?
- Do the Proposed Actions make sense?
- Have we identified the right tasks at the right places? What have we missed?
- Given the objectives of RFA, what would you propose to do differently?
- What are the opportunities for developing partnerships to help us achieve our objectives?

To be most helpful, comments on the Niche or Proposed Program of Work should be submitted in writing through e-mail or postal mail by **January 31, 2008**.

The Program of Work will be finalized for implementation after comments are considered. Our goal is to have a finalized Program of Work by the Spring of 2008. However, the Program of Work is still a living document and will be updated as needed. There will be additional opportunities to provide comments when proposed projects are being planned and implemented.

Please take a few moments to jot down your thoughts, observations, and opinions and send them to:

**Gifford Pinchot National Forest
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10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA, 98682**

You may also submit your comments online to:

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We welcome your comments and suggestions!

