



# Caring for the Land and Serving People

## Recreation Fees 2006

Forest Accomplishment Report  
Pacific Northwest Region



# Deschutes 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
<b>Deschutes</b>	<b>\$399,150</b>	<b>\$318,305</b>	<b>\$166,430</b>	<b>\$69,779</b>	<b>\$33,878</b>	<b>\$32,502</b>
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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### Deschutes National Forest Accomplishments



#### Recreation Pass Revenues

##### General Forest Accomplishments:

- Operate and maintain 57 day use recreation sites (trailheads, picnic areas, and boat launches) to standard.
- Repaired 2 Self Serve Pay Stations.
- Provided portable toilets at 2 Trailheads.
- Pumped 16 toilets.
- Provided a minimum average of 3 site visits per week (5 times per week at high use sites) during the operating season of May 1 through October 15 at all 57 recreation sites. These visits included general site clean-up, security patrols, public contacts to provide conservation education and visitor information services, and routine annual maintenance of constructed features.
- Provided new picnic tables at two sites.
- Provided information on restoration efforts and wildflowers at a heavy use recreation site.
- Maintained parking barriers at 23 sites.

##### Newberry National Volcanic Monument:

- Recreation Pass Project provided operation and maintenance of recreational facilities and visitor services at Newberry National Volcanic Monument including Lava Lands Visitor Center and Lava River Cave, conservation education and interpretative programs, fee collection, safety and compliance patrols, distribution of visitor information including brochures and Forest newspaper, and development of partnership programs such as collage-based intern programs, community volunteers, NGO educational organizations, and not-for-profit merchandising and accounting services. Specific accomplishments include:
  - Replaced one leaking vault toilet at a boat ramp in Newberry Caldera.
  - Delivered a total of 117 formal interpretative programs attended by 2,216 individuals.
  - Hosted students, teachers, and board of education members from Shitara, Japan as part of an ongoing careers in natural resources program at LLVC.
  - Provided schools with a spring conservation education program through volunteers and staff delivered to 2,495 students and 496 adults.
  - Provided schools with a summer conservation education program through volunteers and staff delivered to 1,077 students and 269 adults.
  - Provided a fall conservation education program on geology and volcanoes through volunteers and staff delivered to 333 students and 38 adults.
  - Leveraged \$130,635 in aid and services, including book sales, recreation pass sales, lantern rentals, and donations through partnership with Northwest Interpretive Association (NWIA).

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