



Recreation Fees 2007

Deschutes National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Interagency Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$205,760	\$270,789	\$24,140	\$10,339	\$4,790	\$279
Colville	\$20,418	\$21,143	\$347	\$0	\$6,957	\$1
Deschutes	\$573,187	\$343,054	\$149,937	\$68,757	\$70,145	\$690
Fremont-Winema	\$50,935	\$39,173	\$85,488	\$56,381	\$1,646	\$145
Gifford Pinchot	\$1,489,229	\$1,421,358	\$60,782	\$16,918	\$116,779	\$170
Malheur	\$65,769	\$48,115	\$185	\$0	\$10,293	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$980,036	\$836,045	\$76,764	\$22,192	\$145,474	\$0
Mt. Hood	\$358,941	\$382,686	\$26,297	\$15,741	\$26,106	\$10,761
Ochoco	\$35,315	\$36,118	\$6,658	\$573	\$31,605	\$0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$682,571	\$866,186	\$110,184	\$29,424	\$28,668	\$8
Olympic	\$267,144	\$168,542	\$934	\$0	\$62,967	\$714
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$249,740	\$219,557	\$74,357	\$717	\$46,698	\$0
Siuslaw	\$1,853,029	\$1,770,391	\$29,902	\$3,388	\$26,645	\$35,946
Umatilla	\$83,248	\$70,292	\$15,802	\$3,147	\$2,122	\$0
Umpqua	\$477,593	\$283,191	\$12,727	\$7,348	\$38,487	\$3,240
Wallowa-Whitman	\$152,181	\$183,098	\$122,417	\$75,406	\$6,514	\$62
Willamette	\$239,702	\$204,572	\$60,672	\$47,596	\$11,452	\$2,801

Providing the Recreation Opportunities You Want

Whether you have concerns or kudos, we invite you to comment on how funds collected at recreation sites are spent.

The Forest Service is now using an analysis process, called Recreation Facility Analysis, to focus on providing and improving recreation facilities and services that the public wants. This analysis also helps identify recreation sites that are in significant need of repair and costs to accomplish these repairs.

The Forest Service uses funds collected at recreation sites as well as appropriated dollars to keep facilities open and well maintained, and to address improvements and backlog repairs. The Forest Service can also use funds collected at recreation sites to obtain grants and secure partnerships, and to pay for the training and costs of volunteers, further stretching the buying power of the dollar. These monies can also be saved from year to year to address larger costs associated with recreation sites.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) enables each Forest to retain 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.

We have developed these individual forest accomplishment reports so that you know exactly how your dollars are spent. REA states that 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, employee presence, 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 your local recreation fee program coordinator, identified on the back of this report.

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

New Citizen's Advisory Committee

The Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is a group of citizens who provide recommendations on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management proposals for establishing new or changing existing fees. After establishing operating procedures and gaining an understanding of the Recreation Enhancement Act, the Recreation RAC, formed this year, made recommendations on 46 sites covering seven units on the Forest Service and BLM. The diversity of members on the Recreation RAC ensures good discussion and effective public involvement regarding recreation fees.

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



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Deschutes Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

General Forest Accomplishments:

- Operated and maintained 57 day use recreation sites (trailheads, picnic areas, and boat launches) to standard.
- Repaired 5 Self Serve Pay Stations.
- Maintained 57 bulletin boards.
- Provided portable toilets at 3 Trailhead.
- Provided information on restoration efforts and wildflowers at a heavy use recreation site.
- Pumped 26 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 30 new picnic tables at three sites.
- Removed a large amount of hazard trees at multiple day use sites.
- 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 cooperative efforts with the High Desert Museum, college-based intern programs, community volunteers, NGO educational organizations, and not-for-profit merchandising and accounting services. Specific accomplishments include:

- Operated Lava Lands Visitor Center, Lava River Cave and Lava Butte Day Use Site 155 days to standards.
- Operated Newberry Entrance Station 155 days.
- Cleaned and maintained 17 vault toilets during 155 day season to standard.
- Delivered a total of 156 formal interpretative programs attended by 2,428 individuals.
- Trained and coordinated 9 volunteers throughout the summer to provide interpretation, information, and assistance with the gift shop.
- Conducted informal interpretive contacts at various locations including Lava Lands Visitor Center and Newberry Caldera.
- Provided 14 school conservation education programs through volunteers and staff delivered to 892 individuals.
- Hosted 88 schools at Lava Lands and Lava River Cave for self-guided tours. Approximately 4,000 individuals took part of this service.
- Provided several volunteer and staff appreciation and recognition events at the visitor center throughout the season.
- Leveraged \$130,635 in aid and services, including book sales, recreation pass sales, lantern rentals, and donations through partnership with Northwest Interpretive Association (NWIA).
- Received financial support and services through Northwest Service Academy (NWSA) member partnership for conservation education and community volunteer programs.
- Received financial support through a partnership with Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort for Project SNOW and conservation education programs both winter and summer.
- Provided orientation and job specific training to 8 staff and 9 volunteers.

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School Class Presentation at
Lava Lands Visitor Center



New Concrete Picnic Table