



Recreation Fees 2008

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Interagency Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	\$189,559	\$189,536	\$25,096	\$12,848	\$818	\$289
Colville	\$32,974	\$24,893	\$446	\$0	\$1,549	\$647
Deschutes	\$474,799	\$463,023	\$165,983	\$89,477	\$25,659	\$692
Fremont-Winema	\$40,365	\$48,293	\$52,538	\$36,068	\$1,272	\$29
Gifford Pinchot	\$1,168,779	\$900,558	\$45,338	\$35,862	\$52,795	\$0
Malheur	\$60,263	\$66,095	\$1,201	\$0	\$608	\$0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	\$622,924	\$790,868	\$52,318	\$34,230	\$85,618	\$53,536
Mt. Hood	\$282,169	\$215,672	\$29,920	\$27,798	\$8,302	\$12,590
Ochoco	\$30,091	\$32,722	\$8,168	\$0	\$1,270	\$0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	\$767,240	\$680,895	\$93,964	\$90,176	\$22,334	\$61
Olympic	\$193,159	\$137,236	\$0	\$0	\$37,195	\$515
Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$192,270	\$170,516	\$64,414	\$41,871	\$4,439	\$0
Siuslaw	\$1,747,427	\$1,616,064	\$31,728	\$10,014	\$16,188	\$47,276
Umatilla	\$88,185	\$78,122	\$36,173	\$1,931	\$1,770	\$0
Umpqua	\$513,718	\$316,498	\$16,519	\$13,014	\$13,532	\$27
Wallowa-Whitman	\$128,424	\$159,239	\$163,612	\$128,239	\$3,085	\$0
Willamette	\$241,995	\$155,767	\$52,197	\$26,176	\$11,468	\$18,068

Investment in recreation – using recreation fees wisely

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

The past year brought many of us financial uncertainties and the stresses that go along with them. Connecting with nature is one way to escape these pressures. For a minimal cost, we can still have the benefits of a recreation experience.

Unfortunately, operating and maintaining forest recreation facilities is expensive. Trail maintenance, running campgrounds, cleaning restrooms, public safety, and interpretive programs all cost money. Congressionally appropriated funds and volunteer contributions do not come near covering these costs. A large part of these expenses must be covered by fees paid by users of the National Forests.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) allows the funds we collect to be used locally for operating and maintaining recreation sites that the public uses. You can have a voice in how these fees are spent by contacting your local forest Program Coordinator (see the back page for contact information).

Pacific Northwest Recreation RAC

The Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met twice this past year to review fee proposals submitted by both the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Of the proposals presented, most consisted of minor fee increases in campgrounds, many of which had not had fee increases in years. Notices of fee increases and new fees at campgrounds and rentals were posted during the summer. We received very few public comments about these proposals.

Recreation RAC meetings are open to the public and are announced through media, the *Federal Register* and on the web at www.fs.fed.us/r6/passespermits/rrac.shtml. Current fee proposals may be found on this web site for upcoming Recreation RAC meetings.

“Wild” on the Rogue River-Siskiyou

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is home to six designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, world renowned for their whitewater and fishing. In order to provide more visitors the opportunity to experience the beauty and excitement of these rivers, special use permits are issued to qualified outfitter and guides. In 2008, REA funding supported permit administration and monitoring of nearly 100 outfitters and guides on these rivers. From fishing to jet boat rides, there’s something for everyone.



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Rogue River-Siskiyou Accomplishments



Recreation Pass Revenues

- Funded cleaning and maintenance tasks at 34 campgrounds, 2 group sites, 1 historic picnic shelter and 9 rental cabins and lookouts.
- Provided funding for 16 miles of trail reconstruction and 325 miles of trail maintenance.

New toilet at Fish Lake



Trail work with youth crews



Campground Revenues

- Provided additional staffing resulting in completion of operation and maintenance tasks at all fee sites.
- Enhanced visitor services and on site security by providing 8 campground hosts.
- Installed two new accessible SST toilets within the Chetco River corridor.
- Installed a new accessible flush toilet at the Fish Lake campground.

Partnerships funded through recreation fees

- Provided trail maintenance, river clean up, and dump site removal across the forest with various volunteer groups.



Jet boat tours on the Rogue Wild & Scenic River provide sightseeing and interpretive trips to over 45,000 visitors each summer.



Special Use Permit Revenues

- Operated the Rogue Wild and Scenic River Permit Program jointly with the Bureau of Land Management.
- Administered and monitored 85 sport fishing outfitter guide permits, 2 white water permits, 3 jet boat tour permits, 3 hunting guide permits, 6 wilderness outfitter guide permits
- Administered a lottery permit system for rafting, issuing approximately 11,000 river permits.

Contact



Lake of the Woods Lookout

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