



OREGON/WASHINGTON Northwest Oregon District

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2021

Host Assistance



Camp host assisting in site operations/maintenance.

Hosts at day-use areas and campgrounds provide services to visitors at both fee sites and non-fee sites. Hosts provide another set of hands-on projects, site security, and a welcoming on-site presence when staff is engaged at other recreation sites. Expenditures provide host reimbursement for meals and incidentals, and many live on-site. Fee dollars expended to reimburse recreation site hosts in Fiscal Year 2021 totaled \$20,828.

Operations and Maintenance



Recreation staff completing portal signs.

In 2021, the Northwest Oregon District reinvested over \$250,000 of recreation revenues into permanent, temporary, and seasonal staff labor to maintain the district's 15 recreation fee sites. The 17 temporary and seasonal employees worked alongside full-time employees to keep fee sites operating and maintained and cover non-fee sites and trail systems. The staff greeted visitors, sanitized facilities, collected fees, and accomplished various projects to improve visitor experiences.

Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

They support and enhance:

- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation Direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



Planned Activities



Current Elk Bend Group Campsite.

- The Cascades Field Office plans to save most of its next five years of recreation revenue for rebuilding efforts at three sites destroyed by the 2020 wildfires. The field office will continue to reinvest recreation revenues for the operation and maintenance of the recreation sites that have already been re-opened.
- Improve Elk Bend Recreation Site to allow visitors to make reservations.
- Place additional recreation sites on the Recreation.gov reservation system to improve visitor services and reduce cash-handling costs.
- Operate and maintain 22 fee recreation sites.

FY22 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$235,000.00
Visitor Services	\$32,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$0.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$0.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22	\$267,000.00
FY21 End of Year Carryover	\$232,000.00
FY22 Projected Revenue	\$300,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The Northwest Oregon District sought fee changes at many recreation sites with the addition of a district-wide annual pass to lessen the burden on frequent day users while providing a reliable funding source to maintain and operate the district's 54 recreation sites and areas.

The district also invested revenues from timber harvest receipts and partnered with numerous organizations to obtain Secure Rural Schools grants to implement multiple recreation enhancement projects. The district worked with the City of Cottage Grove to coordinate and increase maintenance on the extremely popular Row River Trail; supported the Lane County Division of Youth Services to maintain recreation sites and trail systems across Lane County; partnered with AntFarm to maintain recreation sites and trail systems in Clackamas County; and teamed up with other partners to maintain trail systems.

District staff regularly coordinates with other nearby recreation providers within the district to provide holistic visitor services to the public.

