



# Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Pacific Northwest Region, Public Involvement 2022 Final Report

## Proposed Changes to Recreation Fees



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## Public Participation Results

*Public involvement began on July 15, 2022 and continued through October 7, 2022.*

Forest posted on website, Facebook & Twitter on July 15, 2022

Signs were posted on site on July 15, 2022

A press release was distributed to local media outlets on July 15 and was published in the following locations:

- The Columbian Published 07/25/2022
- The Chronicle Published 07/20/2022
- Longview Daily News Published 07/19/2022

Skamania County Commissioners were briefed on 07/19/2022. Lewis County Commissioners were emailed on 08/01/2022. Comments received:

- Bob Hamlin, Skamania County Commissioner visited Hemlock Picnic Site with District Ranger Erin Black. He shared that it didn't get as much use since the Hemlock Dam was removed, but it does get some limited use. He voiced that adding a fee would continue to be contentious with his constituents.
- Lee Grose (Lewis County Commissioner) verbally provided his thoughts at the Packwood Open House (as captured by Forest Service personnel): Clarified with him that the \$5 day use fee is part of the Northwest Forest Pass (and not in addition to). The White Pass County Historical Museum would have liked to have been consulted about La Wis Wis cabin before the forest went out for fee proposal (this group has spent time and money on helping to maintain this facility). Why was High Rock not included as a cabin rental, and if it were, the White Pass group would have liked to have input on the future of this building (because they have been spent time and money helping to maintain/restore). Suggestion to have someone staff High Rock Lookout full time. Unhappy about condition of road to High Rock. And suggestion that High Rock TH needs a toilet.

Federal and State elected officials: Staff for Representative Jamie Herrera Beutler (3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District), Senator Patty Murray, and Senator Maria Cantwell (Colin Swanson, Anthony Pena, and Sarah Kohout) were virtually briefed on 06/22/2022. Forest received no comments or concerns.

Tribes were briefed at annual and quarterly meetings prior to the start of the public involvement period. Tribes (Puyallup, Squaxin, Nisqually, Cowlitz, and Yakama) were again contacted on 08/26/2022. Forest received no comments or concerns.

Campground Concessionaire Rocky Mountain Recreation/Explorus and Washington Department of Natural Resources, Yacolt State Forest were both emailed on 07/19/2022. No comments or concerns received.

Washington State Recreate Responsibly Coalition, and Pinchot Partners Collaborative Group were briefed on 07/20/2022. Pinchot Partners Collaborative Group responded with questions surrounding the fee proposal process.

South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Group were briefed on 07/21/2022. Comments and questions received: 1) timing of fee proposal interesting, with inflation and how expensive things are nowadays, 2) impact of fee change to low-income communities.

Forest presented to the White Pass Scenic Byway (about 10 people were at the meeting) on 07/21/2022. Generally, folks were excited for the expanded opportunities and agreed to share information about the Packwood Open House.

Forest employees tabled at Johnston Ridge Observatory (JRO) on 07/26/2022. Generally, visitors were supportive of the fee changes, comments were received verbally.

The President of Northwest Motorcycle Association (NMA) called Kyung Koh Willis (Forest Recreation Program Manager) on 07/28/2022 to ask questions and discuss the fee proposal, specifically the proposed Cat Creek OHV area. NMA submitted an email comment expressing concerns with adding another pass and offering alternative solutions (such as partnering with NMA for trail maintenance needs).

The forest hosted two Open House sessions, and one Facebook Live Event, to discuss the fee proposal with local communities.

- Open House in Packwood on 08/02/2022. Ten attendees, including a Lewis County Commissioner. Received a few questions about the pass and day use sites. Overall, comments were generally supportive.
- Open House in Stevenson on 08/08/2022. Four attendees, including a representative from Washington Trails Association who had questions on the proposal. Comments received were generally supportive, one person expressed concerns about proposal on underserved communities, and how fees would help with operation and maintenance costs.
- [Facebook Live event](#) on 08/16/2022. There were about 40-50 people in attendance. There were 86 questions/comments received during the event. Many of the questions/comments were about the proposed Cat Creek OHV area. The live video had a reach of 6.7 people.

Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program lead was emailed on 8/15/2022. Forest received no comments or questions.

Special Use Permits holders were emailed 08/15/2022. These included outfitter and guides (Adventure Treks, Bicycle Adventures, Evergreen Escapes, Mount Hood Community College,

MSHI, Rare Earth, Reed College, Sierra Club, Tualatin Hills, Whitman College), Government Mineral Springs Recreation Residence Homeowners Association, Cispus Organizational Camp, and the USGS. Forest received no comments or concerns.

Letters were mailed to private landowners near Big Creek (Nisqually) Guard Station on 8/18/2022. One person sent in a comment via email.

Vive NW were emailed on 08/19/2022. No comments were received.

Pacific Crest Trail Association were emailed on 08/31/2022. They were generally supportive but expressed concerns on making sure the fees do not discourage people from visiting the forest.

Washington Trails Association emailed a comment that pertained broadly to implications fees have on access.

Trac Riders (local Snowmobile Club) were emailed on 09/22/2022. Comments were received verbally (via phone). They were generally supportive and expressed desire to be involved in discussions on how to implement the change to a reservable group picnic site.

A Federal Register Notice was published on August 5, 2022.

## Summary of Comments

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Overall, the Forest received 278 comments. Comments were received via email, mail, verbal, interactive story map and Facebook Live event. Sixty-seven were in support, 57 were opposed, 35 opposed but had addressable concerns, 77 comments were addressable concerns, 21 were out of scope, 19 comments were about the process and had addressable concerns, and 2 were duplicate comments. A copy of all comments can be found in Appendix A.

Very generally, comments described as “addressable concerns” fell into the following broad categories. Forest Service response to the concerns is included below:

- Fees should be kept low/at a minimum/are a barrier to access.
  - Recreation on federal lands remains an inexpensive and accessible means for individuals and families to experience the outdoors. Roughly 70% of the 234 developed recreation sites are non-fee. The Forest Service also offers a minimum of six Fee Free Days each year.
- Fees must be reinvested where they were collected—not seeing improvements on the ground, or questions as to how fee revenue will be spent.
  - Ninety-five percent of the revenue from recreation fees remains on the forest to operate, maintain, and improve facilities. Fee revenue has been used on projects that improve the visitor experience, such as visitor center rehabilitation, restroom upgrades, (limited) trail repairs and improvements, campground improvements, historic structure enhancements, education and visitor center interpretation

programs, on-site accessibility improvements, trash/graffiti removal, Forest Service presence to discourage illegal activity, vandalism repairs, and hazard tree removal. Fee revenue also supports Forest Service personnel (often seasonal employees) to maintain and operate recreation sites. On the GP, a few recent projects include: replacing toilets at Lower Falls CG, replacing toilets at Trail of Two Forests and Lava Canyon Trailhead, replacing kiosk at Trail of Two Forests.

- All appropriate amenities (or for cabins, restoration of facility) must be in place to charge a fee, or questions as to why make capital investments just to charge a fee.
  - Yes, appropriate amenities (e.g., toilets, campground furniture) will be installed prior to implementing the fee. Similarly, cabins/lookouts will be restored prior to implementing a fee. This means in some cases, the fee will not be implemented until 2024 or 2025. The Forest Service decides to install toilets/adds amenities because of natural resource damage or the need for that amenity (such as issues with human waste/garbage) at various sites. The fee would then help with operating and maintenance costs.
- Cat Creek OHV Area (e.g., confusion around difference between Special Recreation permit vs. Northwest Forest Pass day use site; volunteer pass requirement is not reasonable).
  - Many of the comments received specifically about the OHV Area were addressable concerns, such as confusion about the difference between a special recreation permit (which is what this would be) vs. a Northwest Forest Pass site (standard amenity fee), and how commenters felt the number of volunteer hours required for the volunteer pass was not reasonable. However, the forest also received some very helpful feedback/comment/questions around the logistics of how the OHV area would be implemented and enforced. There were also comments from various OHV users that indicated they wanted to be involved in thinking through a proposal. Based on these substantive comments, the forest decided to remove the OHV Area from the fee proposal to provide more time to think through a proposal, hopefully in conjunction with interested OHV partners.
- Mount St Helens Monument (per vehicle) Pass or Fee Increase at Johnston Ridge Observatory (JRO).
  - Most of the comments received indicated that another Pass option would be confusing to the public. Appropriate messaging and education can address this concern, so this is not the reason the forest chose to go with the fee increase at JRO. The forest also received a handful of comments about the implementation of a per vehicle fee, and the potential infrastructure needs associated with that. The Forest Service has similar questions about implementation, so at this time, we decided to include the fee increase at JRO in the modified proposal (and drop the Monument Pass). The forest is just dropping the idea of a per vehicle Monument Pass; sites that currently require the day use fee are not affected



(those sites will continue to require the day use fee). The forest is also proposing to add a few new day use fee sites (see table below), and the remainder would remain fee free.

- Mount Margaret Backcountry Area
  - The comments received indicated that the proposed fee of \$10/person/night was too high, and that the public was not clear on what improvements would be made with the fee revenue. The forest decided to lower the fee to \$7/person/night, which is on par with comparables (see below). As for improvements, there are eight backcountry composting toilets, one at each designated camping area, and all eight of these toilets need to be replaced. Fee revenue would help with replacing with these toilets, in addition to improvements at the campsites themselves, trail maintenance, and helping to fund employees so this area can be more regularly patrolled.

## Public Participation Analysis

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### *Changes based on public comments:*

- *The Forest will not move forward with the following proposed sites:* Cat Creek OHV, and Blue Lake OHV Area, Marble Mountain Trailhead, and Hemlock Recreation Area.
- Mount Margaret Backcountry Permit proposal will be reduced from \$10 to \$7 per person per night.
- The Mount St. Helens Monument Pass (per vehicle) will not move forward; instead, the forest will increase the fee to \$12 per person at Johnston Ridge Observatory (JRO).
- Within the Monument boundary the following sites have been dropped from the proposal: South Coldwater TH, Loowit Interpretative Site, Donnybrook, and Cedar Creek.

The fee increases at Peterson Prairie Cabin and Government Mineral Springs will be implemented over 2 years.

## Overview of Current Fee Proposal

Table 1: Overview of current fee proposal in outline form which is also provided in text later in the document.

Site Name	Site Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Government Mineral Springs	Campground	\$5 per night	\$10 per night
Tillicum	Campground	\$5 per night	\$10 per night
Cat Creek Chimney	Campground	\$0 single site \$0 double site \$0 extra vehicle fee	\$15 single site \$30 double site \$5 extra vehicle fee
Chambers Lake	Campground	\$0 single site \$0 double site \$0 extra vehicle fee	\$15 single site \$30 double site \$5 extra vehicle fee
Cultus Creek	Campground	\$10 single site \$20 double site \$5 extra vehicle fee	\$15 site \$5 extra vehicle fee
Forlorn Lakes	Campground	\$10 single site \$20 double site \$5 extra vehicle fee	\$15 single site \$30 double site \$5 extra vehicle fee
Trout Lake Creek	Campground	\$10 single site \$20 double site \$5 extra vehicle fee	\$15 site \$5 extra vehicle fee
Lewis River	Horse Camp	\$5 site \$0 extra vehicle fee	\$15 site \$5 extra vehicle fee
Mt Adams	Horse Camp	\$5 site \$0 extra vehicle fee	\$15 site \$5 extra vehicle fee
Lower Falls	Campground	\$15 single site \$30 double site \$0 extra vehicle fee	\$20 single site \$40 double site \$5 extra vehicle fee
Chambers Lake	Day Use	\$0 per day	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle

Crest Camp	Trailhead	\$0 per day	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
Falls Creek Falls	Trailhead	\$0 per day	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
Siouxon	Trailhead	\$0 per day	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
June Lake	Trailhead	\$0 per day	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
Middle Falls	Trailhead	\$0 per day	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
Snowgrass	Trailhead	\$0 per day	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
Twin Falls	Group Campground	\$0 per night	\$50 per night Up to 25 people
Marble Mountain	Group Picnic Site	\$0 per night	\$100 per day Up to 100 people
Orr Creek	Group Campground	\$0 per night	\$100 per night Up to 75 people
Wakepish	Group Campground	\$0 per night	\$100 per night Up to 75 people
Gotchen	Cabin	\$0 per night	\$85 per night Up to 4 people
Nisqually (Big Creek)	Cabin	\$0 per night	\$85 per night Up to 4 people
Burley Mountain	Lookout	\$0 per night	\$90 per night Up to 4 people
Red Mountain	Lookout	\$0 per night	\$90 per night Up to 4 people
Government Mineral Springs	Cabin	\$65 per night	\$100 per night Up to 9 people
Peterson Prairie	Cabin	\$50 per night	\$100 per night Up to 6 people
La Wis Wis	Cabin	\$0 per night	\$150 per night Up to 8 people

Coldwater Science and Learning Center (winter only)	Visitor Center	\$0 per day	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
Hummocks Trailhead	Trailhead	\$0	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
Cascade Peaks Interpretive Site	Interpretive Site	\$0	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
Johnston Ridge Observatory (JRO)	Visitor Center	\$8 per person	\$12 per person
Coldwater Lake Picnic and Boating	Boat Ramp	\$0	\$5 per day/vehicle \$30 annual pass/vehicle
Mount Margaret Backcountry	Backcountry Permit	\$0 per person/night	\$7 per person/night
Mount St Helens	Climbing Fee	\$15 per person/day	\$20 per person/day
Mount Adams	Climbing Fee	\$10 per person (Mon-Thurs); \$15 per person (Fri-Sun)	\$20 per person

## Camping \$10



### Other Providers:

Little Naches Campground, Price: \$14.00

U.S. Forest Service - Campground offers standard sites perfect for tent or RV camping. Vault toilets, picnic tables, and drinking water are available, however there are no electrical hookups.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234019>

Elkhorn Valley Recreation Site, Price: \$14.00

Bureau of Land Management - Host, Fire Pits, picnic tables, vault toilets, No hookups. Nearby river access with fishing. Security gate.

Link: <https://www.blm.gov/visit/elkhorn-valley-recreation-site>

Cascade Wagon Road Campground, Price: \$10.00

Private - Fire rings, picnic tables, firewood, dry camping price. River access with fishing.

Link: <https://www.campendium.com/cascade-wagon-road-campground>

*From May 1 to October 31; Current fee: \$0-\$5; Proposed fee: \$10; Not reservable*

### Fee Justification

Prices are based on the amenities and services provided. They are aligned or below comparable campgrounds with similar or better amenities and is in line with the services provided and consistent across the Forest Service managed campgrounds. Campground offers lake access with nearby hiking. Private campgrounds are significantly more per site; however, they also provide Wi-Fi or cable, full hook-up including sewer.

### Amenities

Fee station, combo fire ring/grill, graveled 2WD access road, picnic tables, security services, vault toilet, gravel parking area, permanent sign on kiosk or stand alone, recreation opportunities adjacent

## Government Mineral Springs Campground

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Campground

Fee Increase: Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This is a historic site in an attractive old growth forest setting. The campground was developed by the CCC in 1937. Camp sites for tent camping are located under trees around the edge of the foundation of the old resort hotel that was built in 1910 and burned in 1935, in an unusual configuration for a campground. The campground is located near Trapper Creek Wilderness. Nearby trails provide access to this wilderness.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$3,981.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$28,919.00

**Current Revenue:** \$1,300.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$500.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$2,000.00

## Tillicum Campground

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Campground

Fee Increase: Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

A higher elevation, wooded campground especially popular during huckleberry season as this site is located in a part of the forest with many huckleberry bushes. The Squaw Butte Trail leads southwest from the campground around Squaw Butte before connecting with Forest Road 32-040. The Crab Trail intersects the Squaw Butte Trail and both trails traverse through young stands of mixed conifer. Tillicum Trail leads out of the campground. Maximum vehicle length is 18 feet.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$3,243.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$33,500.00

**Current Revenue:** \$1,700.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$500.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$2,555.00

## Camping-\$15



### Other Providers

Yakima River Canyon Campgrounds, Price: \$15.00

Bureau of Land Management - Boat Launch, Fire Rings, picnic tables, vault toilets, No hookups, No water. River access in multiple areas nearby

Link: <https://www.blm.gov/visit/yakima-river-canyon-campgrounds>

Elkhorn Valley Recreation Site, Price: \$14.00

Bureau of Land Management - Host, Fire Pits, picnic tables, vault toilets, No hookups. Nearby river access with fishing. Security gate.

Link: <https://www.blm.gov/visit/elkhorn-valley-recreation-site>

Monroe Creek Campground and RV Park, Price: \$19.00

Private - Showers, Dump Station, Hookups, Electricity, Wi-Fi, vault toilet, water, and picnic tables

Link: <http://www.monroecreek.com/>

*Table 2: Summary of proposed fee increases for single and double sites and for an extra vehicle.*

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
May 1	Oct 31	Single site	Group	\$5, \$10	\$15.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
May 1	Oct 31	Double site		\$0	\$30.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:	Cultus Creek, Trout Lake Creek Campgrounds will be eliminating the current \$20 per double site fee.						
May 1	Oct 31	Extra Vehicle	Vehicle	\$0-\$5	\$5.00		<input type="checkbox"/>

### Fee Justification

Prices are based on the amenities and services provided. They are aligned or below comparable campgrounds with similar or better amenities and is in line with the services provided and consistent across the Forest Service managed campgrounds. Campground offers lake access with nearby hiking. Private campgrounds are significantly more per site; however, they also provide Wi-Fi or cable, full hook-up including sewer.

### Amenities

Fee station, combo fire ring/grill, garbage receptacle, graveled 2wd access road, picnic tables, security services, vault toilet, gravel parking area, permanent sign on kiosk or stand alone, recreation opportunities adjacent

## Cat Creek Chimney Campground

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Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Campground  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

Cat Creek Chimney Campground is located off Forest Road 21, and near several other CGs. It is one gateway to the only motorized trail system on the forest. The site is heavily used by OHV/ATV users. There are 7 single sites and 2 double sites.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$5,018.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$30,000

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$50,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$17,000.00



## Trout Lake Creek Campground

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Campground  
Fee Increase; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

A scenic lower elevation campground located next to Trout Lake Creek. Some of the campsites are on the banks of the creek. Wildflowers abound in the season. The campground is about 4 miles from the popular and challenging Sleeping Beauty hike. The access road is rough and not recommended for trailers or motor homes.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$5,275.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$20,340.00

**Current Revenue:** \$10,503.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$0.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$15,000.00



## Chambers Lake Campground

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Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Campground  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This campground is less than one mile from the very popular Snowgrass and Berry Patch trailheads, which lead into the Goat Rocks Wilderness. The Klickitat Loop Trails is also in the area. The site is heavily treed with a mix of Doug Fir, Hemlock and cedar, providing cool shade on warm afternoons. Self-producing brook trout provide the bulk of the fishery here. Brown trout are stocked. Swimming and non-motorized boating are allowed.

### Additional Site Information

This campground is also proposing a \$5 extra vehicle fee per vehicle.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$6,050.00  
**Deferred Maintenance:** \$80,000.00  
**Current Revenue:** \$0.00  
**Projected Development Cost:** \$100,000.00  
**Predicted Revenue:** \$17,000.00

### Cultus Creek Campground

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Campground  
Fee Increase; Expanded Amenity Fee

#### Site Description

This site is in a pristine wooded setting adjacent to the Indian Heaven Wilderness. The trailhead for the Indian Heaven Trail #33 is in the campground, which provides access to a challenging hike into the Wilderness. It passes through several small meadows with spectacular wildflower displays and intersects with the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. The campground is also near traditional huckleberry picking fields, making it quite popular in huckleberry season.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$5,901.00  
**Deferred Maintenance:** \$446,662.00  
**Current Revenue:** \$5,500.00  
**Projected Development Cost:** \$500.00  
**Predicted Revenue:** \$9,019.00

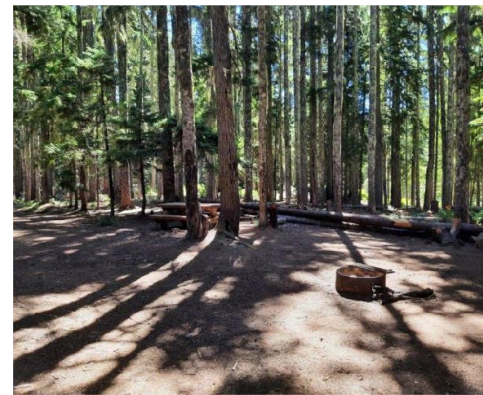
### Forlorn Lakes Campground

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Campground  
Fee Increase; Expanded Amenity Fee

#### Site Description

This is one of the most popular campgrounds on the southern end of the Forest, offering 25 campsites scattered around the wooded shores of small, picturesque lakes. Sites are large enough for both tent and small RV camping. The larger lakes provide swimming and fishing opportunities, while the day use site has picnic tables, fire rings, and views of the lakes. Huckleberry bushes grow throughout the campground and surrounding area, making it very popular during huckleberry season.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$9,541.00  
**Deferred Maintenance:** \$34,900.00  
**Current Revenue:** \$12,500.00  
**Projected Development Cost:** \$10,000.00  
**Predicted Revenue:** \$17,022.00



## Lewis River Horse Camp

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Horse Camp  
Fee Increase; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This horse camp has 9 sites with parking for trailers and vehicles. It accesses numerous trails in the surrounding area including the Quartz Creek Trail, noted for its old-growth trees and opportunities for solitude, as well as the Lewis River Trail, which is popular with mountain bikers and hikers. The rivers remain within sight or sound as users ride or hike through this valley laced with abundant side streams.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$4,424.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$128,924.00

**Current Revenue:** \$2,500.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$40,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$5,000.00

### Additional Site Information

This campground is also proposing a \$5 extra vehicle fee per vehicle.

## Mt. Adams Horse Camp

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Horse Camp  
Fee Increase; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This pleasant well developed horse camp is in a wooded site on the base of Mt Adams. There is a loading ramp and water for stock only. Each site has a highline. And open field next to the campground provides a beautiful view of the mountain. A twenty-mile system that can lead to Mt Adams Wilderness is accessible from the campground.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$3,053.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$10,000.00

**Current Revenue:** \$2,000.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$5,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$5,000.00

## Campground \$20



### Other Providers

#### **Wyeth Campground**, Price: \$20.00

U.S. Forest Service - Host, Fire rings/grills, Picnic tables, Flush toilets, picnic tables, vault toilet. No hookups, No dump station.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/122940>

#### **Cougar Rock Campground**, Price: \$20.00

U.S. Forest Service - Cougar Rock is relatively rustic, but has drinking water, flush toilets, and picnic tables.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232466>

#### **Kid Valley Campground**, Price: \$25.00

Private -bathhouse with hot showers and a covered picnic area. Fees include 30- and 50-amp full hook-up \$35, Partial hook-up \$30, Tents \$25, and Extra vehicle \$10.

Link: <http://www.kidvalley.com/>

*Table 3: Summary of proposed fee increases for single and double sites and for an extra vehicle.*

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
May 1	Oct 31	Single Site	Group	\$15	\$20.00	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
May 1	Oct 31	Double Site	Group	\$30	\$40.00	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
May 1	Oct 31	Extra Vehicle	Vehicle	\$0	\$5.00	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Fee Justification

Prices are based on the amenities and services provided. They are aligned or below comparable campgrounds with similar or better amenities and is in line with the services provided and consistent across the Forest Service managed campgrounds. Private campgrounds are significantly more per site; however, they also provide more amenities.

### Amenities

Drinking water available, campground host, combo fire ring/grill, garbage receptacle, host or attendant present, paved access road, picnic tables, vault toilet, paved parking, permanent sign on kiosk or standalone, recreation opportunities adjacent, site in good condition.

### Planned Accomplishments

Replace picnic tables/fire rings/garbage receptacles as needed. Water system maintenance as needed. Maintain host on site.

## Lower Falls Campground

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Campground  
Fee Increase, Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This site is in a pleasant, wooded setting on the Lewis River next to Lower Falls. The campsites are tucked in among the trees creating a sense of seclusion. The Lewis River Trailhead is in the campground, providing access to the multi-use trail that follows the bank of the river through old growth and past several striking waterfalls. Numerous falls viewing opportunities are within 15 minutes of the campground.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$28,504.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$500,000.00

**Current Revenue:** \$41,000.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$1,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$76,303.00

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### Day Use - \$5



### Other Providers

Discover Pass, Washington State Pass, Price: \$10.00

State Pass -Single-day parking passes cost \$10.00 per vehicle to access state parks. Annual Pass is \$30.

Link: <https://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/31/About-the-Pass>

Wildwood Recreation Day Pass, Price: \$5.00

Bureau of Land Management-Day Pass for a passenger vehicle (cars/trucks) that holds up to 9 people, including children.

Link: <https://www.blm.gov/visit/wildwood-recreation-site>

Northwest Forest Day Pass - U.S. Forest Service, Price: \$5.00

U.S. Forest Service, Region 6 - Recreation Pass for Forest Service sites within Washington and Oregon. Annual pass is \$30.

Link: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev2\\_027009](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev2_027009)

Table 4: Proposed fee change for day use is from \$0 to \$5; Fee per/Vehicle/Day.

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
May 1	Nov 30	Day	Vehicle	\$0	\$5.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Remarks</b>	Full suite of Interagency Passes is honored						
May 1	Nov 30	Season/Year	Vehicle	\$0	\$30.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Remarks</b>	Annual Northwest Forest Pass is honored						

### Fee Justification

Price is consistent with day use fee sites across the region (\$5).

### Amenities

Garbage receptacle, gravel parking, interpretive sign, picnic tables, security services, vault toilet. At some sites, amenities will be installed prior to charging a fee.

## Chambers Lake Day Use Area

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Picnic Site  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This day use area is located within Chambers Lake Campground and has its own parking. Provides access to Chambers Lake, where non-motorized boating is allowed.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$1500.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$10,000.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$50,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$2,500.00



## Crest Camp Trailhead

Mt Adams Ranger District, Trailhead  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This trailhead is located near the Crest Horse Camp and provides easy access to good hiking and horseback riding on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. The trail runs north from the trailhead to the Indian Heaven Wilderness, passing numerous lakes and meadows. Heading south from the trailhead, equestrians and hikers can see the Big Lava Bed, a 14,000-acre lava flow.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$1,428.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$3,965.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$2,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$5,000.00



## Falls Creek Falls Trailhead

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Trailhead  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This site is the primary trailhead access to the falls. The trail follows Falls Creek, climbing through lush forest to the white water of Falls Creek. A cable suspension bridge spans a rock gorge providing spectacular views of the falls.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$2,142.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$1,650.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$1,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$7,000.00



## June Lake Trailhead

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Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Trailhead  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

Not within the National Volcanic Monument boundary. This trail is popular with hikers and backpackers. It is a short hike to June Lake itself, but the trail connects to the Loowit Trail, which circles Mount St Helens.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$4,600.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$3,502.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$40,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$5,000.00



## Middle Falls Trailhead

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Trailhead  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This trailhead provides access to the Lewis River Trail. It leads to Middle Falls, and eventually to the very popular Lower Falls.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$1500.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$4,800.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$50,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$2,500.00



## Siouxon Trailhead

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Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument & District, Trailhead  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

Not within the National Volcanic Monument boundary. This popular trail leads to beautiful Siouxan Fall, and is well-traveled by hikers, backpackers, and mountain bikers. The area was recently burned in the Big Hollow Fire (2020) and is re-opened to the public.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$2,785.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$2,000.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$50,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$5,000.00



## Snowgrass Trailhead

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Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Trailhead  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

The district's most popular Wilderness trail, this trailhead accesses the Goat Rocks Wilderness and the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. The trail climbs through lush forest into spectacular wildflower meadows where there are stunning views of Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, and Mount St. Helens. The Goat Rocks are remnants of a large volcano, extinct for almost two million years. Mountain goats can be spotted throughout the high country along with whistling marmots and pikas.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$2000.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$1000.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$30,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$6,500.00



## Coldwater Science and Learning Center

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Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Visitor Center Minor  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This facility is located at milepost 43 on State Highway 504, approximately 10 miles west of Johnston Ridge Observatory. During winter, it is the closest access to Mount St. Helens from the west and is open to the public on most weekends for visitor information and book sales. It is located within the boundary of Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument.

### Additional Site Information

This site has paved access road and parking.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$95,000.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$5,000.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$0.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$2,000.00

### Cascade Peaks Interpretive Site

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Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Interpretive Site  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

#### Site Description

Cascade Peaks Interpretive Station is located northeast of the volcano on Forest Road 99 near Windy Ridge. Cascade Peaks is intermittently staffed on most weekends during the peak season. It is located within the boundary of Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument.

Additional Site Information

This site has paved access road and parking.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$5000.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$65000.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$2,900.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$3,000.00

### Coldwater Lake Picnic and Boating

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Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Boat Ramp  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

#### Site Description

Within boundary of Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument. This site is in the heart of the blast zone near the Science and Learning Center at Coldwater and Johnston Ridge Observatory. This lake was created because of the May 18, 1980, eruption. Kayaking is popular here.

Combustion engines are prohibited, but anglers can reach trophy trout by electric motors, rowing, or kicking. There is also an accessible Birth of a Lake Interpretive Trail, part of which is a boardwalk that goes over the lake.



#### Additional Site Information

Open year-round with boat launch, single paved boat ramp, picnic area, picnic tables, flush toilets, and drinking water

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$110,352.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$1,618,037.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$2,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$10,000.00

## Hummocks Trailhead

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Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Trailhead  
New Fee; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

Within boundary of Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument. Hummocks Trailhead is located within walking distance of Coldwater Lake Picnic and Boating Area. The trail provides a unique opportunity to hike among the "hummocks," huge pieces of Mount St Helens that slid off and were part of the massive 1980 landslide. The trail connects with the Boundary Trail, which leads to Johnston Ridge Observatory.



### Additional Site Information

This site has paved access road and parking.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$7,130.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$1,854.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$1,500.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$10,000.00

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## Group Campground - \$50



### Other Providers

Castle Rock Group Campground, Price: \$75.00

U.S. Forest Service - The group site includes eight picnic tables, picnic shelter, group fire ring, individual rock fire pits, one vault toilet, garbage dumpster, and a parking area. Maximum of 50 visitors per reservation.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/261791>

Spring Canyon Group Site, Price: \$55.00

National Park Service - The group campground has two sites within the main Spring Canyon Campground that accommodate up to 25 people each. A boat ramp and docks within the facility provide easy access to the water. Trailers may use the site, but there are no hookups. The campground is open year-round, and the group site is reservable March through November. The water is shut off during winter.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234071>

Upper Goodell Group Campground, Price: \$75.00

National Park Service - The facility has a picnic shelter and pit toilet for visitors' convenience. No potable water. Water is available at the main Goodell Creek campground on the south side of State Route 20. The campground has one group site, which can comfortably fit 12 to 20 people with a maximum capacity of 30.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234089>



**From Apr 1 to Nov 30; Fee: Per night/Group; Current fees: \$0; Proposed Fee: \$50.00; Group Size: 25; Reservable.**

**Fee Justification**

Prices are based on the amenities and services provided. They are aligned or below comparable campgrounds with similar or better amenities and are in line with the services provided. There are not a lot of developed camping opportunities in this general area.

**Amenities**

Reservable, fire ring, gravel parking area, paved access road, security services, vault toilet, recreation opportunities adjacent.

**Twin Falls Camp**

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Campground  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

**Site Description**

A small, less developed campground for tent camping only, located at the confluence of Twin Falls Creek and the Lewis River. The campground is on the banks of the river with an impressive view of the falls. The Summit Prairie Trail is nearby and begins with a steep climb before intersecting with the Quartz Creek Trail. Ridge top meadows provide views into the French and Quartz Creek drainages and the high open ridges of the Dark Divide



**Additional Site Information**

Open May to Oct, no pavilion

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$1,902.00  
**Deferred Maintenance:** \$12,794.00  
**Current Revenue:** \$0.00  
**Projected Development Cost:** \$6,000.00  
**Predicted Revenue:** \$4,200.00



## Group Sites-\$100



### Other Providers

Atkinson Group Camp, Price: \$100.00

U.S. Forest Service - This group site is a large, paved area with plenty of room for RVs. There is a covered, common picnic building in the center. Atkinson will accommodate up to 50 people. In winter, this area serves as Atkinson snow-park, with a covered warming shed a large wood burning stove. Campers must bring drinking water, but vault toilets, a fire ring & picnic table are available.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232797>

Peterson Prairie Group Campground, Price: \$100.00

U.S. Forest Service - Drinking water, vault toilets, picnic table and fire ring. The sites are spacious with gravel parking spurs. Accommodates up to 50 people. Extra Vehicle Fee \$8.00.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232895>

Upper Goodell Group Campground, Price: \$75.00

National Park Service - The facility has a picnic shelter and pit toilet for visitors' convenience. No potable water. Water is available at the main Goodell Creek campground on the south side of State Route 20. The campground has one group site, which can comfortably fit 12 to 20 people with a maximum capacity of 30.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234089>

*Table 5: From May 1-Oct 31; Fee per/Night/Group; Proposed Fee: \$100; Group size: 75-100; Reservable.*

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
May 1	Oct 31	Night	Group	\$0	\$100	75-100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Remarks:</b>		Marble Mountain Shelter is Day Use only					

### Fee Justification

Prices are based on the amenities and services provided. They are aligned or below comparable campgrounds with similar or better amenities and are in line with the services provided. There are not a lot of developed camping opportunities in this general area.

### Amenities

Paved access road, paved parking, pavilion without utilities, security services, vault toilet, recreation opportunities adjacent.

## Marble Mountain Shelter

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Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Group Picnic Site  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

This site is located on Forest Road 83 and is situated between many popular sites on Mount St Helens, such as Ape Cave, June Lake, Ape Canyon and Lava Canyon. Group Size: 100 people.

### Additional Site Information

The shelter is relatively new, the toilets were replaced in 2020. Funds would support general ongoing maintenance of the shelter and the site in general.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$18,050.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$126,915.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$1,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$18,000.00

## Orr Creek

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Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Group campground  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

In a mature and varied forest setting interspersed with mountain meadows and geographic features, this site is near the Mt. Adams Wilderness. Here visitors will find access to trails leading to remote forest lakes and high-mountain elevations. Group Size: 75 people.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$3,990.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$22,841.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$10,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$1,400.00

## Wakepish

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Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Group Campground  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

Located in a mature and varied forest setting, this site is near the Mount St. Helens NVM and numerous recreation opportunities in the Monument along Forest Road 99. Here visitors will find access to sweeping vistas, remote forest lakes, and high-mountain elevations. Group Size: 75 people.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$5,525.00  
**Deferred Maintenance:** \$91,066.00  
**Current Revenue:** \$0.00  
**Projected Development Cost:** \$33,500.00  
**Predicted Revenue:** \$2,500.00

## Cabins-\$85



### Other Providers

Evergreen Mountain Lookout, Price: \$85.00

U.S Forest Service - Cabin can accommodate up to 4 people. Furnished with one twin-sized bed and mattress, three extra mattresses, a table and chairs, propane stove, two battery powered lanterns, a cooking pot, dishes and a coffee pot. A primitive vault toilet is located several hundred feet down the ridge from the lookout. There is no water or heat at the site. Guests must bring water for drinking, cooking and washing.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234178>

Lake Remount Depot Cabins, Price: \$95.00

U.S. Forest Service -Cabins can accommodate up to 4 people with full-size bed with mattress, table with chairs, sofa, propane heating and cooking stoves, solar-powered lighting, basic cookware and kitchen utensils. An outhouse with pit toilet is located nearby. Neither cabin has water or electricity.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234174>

River Retreat, Price: \$229.00

Private - The guesthouse adjacent to the main house offers a hot tub and bath on a private deck overlooking the river as well as a twin-over full bunk bed for sleeping accommodations.

Link: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/18212121>

*Table 6: From Jan 1-Dec 31; Fee per/Night/Group; Current Fee \$0; Proposed Fee: \$85.00; Group Size: 4; Reservable.*

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
Jan 1	Dec 31	Night	Group	\$0	\$85.00	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Fee Justification

The forest will implement a consistent Forest-wide fee structure. Recreation user fees at sites which share a similar a development scale, provide visitor services, and amenities available for use, will charge a recreation fee at common price point. Which is in-line with other outdoor recreation service providers, both public and private, featuring comparable provided services and facilities.

### Amenities

Basic kitchen supplies provided (pots/pans/plates), capacity 1-4 people, no water available, propane lights/appliances, propane/gas heat, vault toilet, gravel parking area, graveled 2WD access road, picnic tables, security services, building is eligible for or is on the National Register of Historic Places, reservable, historic structure rental, rec opportunities nearby.

## Gotchen Guard Station

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Lookout/Cabin  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

Built in 1909, the Gotchen Guard Station was the first office for the Mt. Adams Ranger District. It is the oldest structure on the Forest and Rangers based there monitored thousands of grazing sheep up until the 1940s. Nearby recreation opportunities include various trailheads leading to the Mt. Adams Wilderness, high mountain meadows, and the 4-mile-long A.G. Aiken Lava Bed. A one-story cabin with two rooms that can accommodate up to four people. The location is outstanding with an aspen grove, creek, meadows, access to trails, recreation opportunities and solitude. Has views of Mt. Adams. Good road access in the summer and only four miles from a snow park in the winter.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$10,532.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$28,875.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$8,600.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$20,531.00

## Nisqually (Big Creek) Guard Station

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Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Cabin/Lookout  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

A small cabin that can accommodate up to four people is located at the Big Creek Campground where it shares some of the features of the campground including the hand pump for water (available during the summer when the campground is open) and close by vault toilets. It is a two-room cabin with a living/sleeping room and a kitchen/dining room. The location serves as a great jumping off point for all kinds of recreation activities including motorized trailheads, Granite Lake area, and Mt. Rainier National Park.



### Additional Site Information

Outdoor hand pump water source, electric heat, electric lights/modern appliances, and paved access road.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$10,240.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$46,931.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$200,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$20,000.00

## Lookouts-\$90



### Other Providers

Fish Lake Remount Depot Cabins, Price: \$95.00

U.S. Forest Service -Cabins can accommodate up to 4 people with full-size bed with mattress, table with chairs, sofa, propane heating and cooking stoves, solar-powered lighting, basic cookware, and kitchen utensils. An outhouse with pit toilet is located nearby. Neither cabin has water or electricity.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234174>

Evergreen Mountain Lookout, Price: \$85.00

U.S. Forest Service -Cabins can accommodate up to 4 people. Furnished with one twin-sized bed and mattress, three extra mattresses, a table and chairs, propane stove, two battery powered lanterns, a cooking pot, dishes and a coffee pot. A primitive vault toilet is located several hundred feet down the ridge from the lookout. There is no water or heat at the site.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234178>

River Retreat: Price: \$229.00

Private - The guesthouse adjacent to the main house offers a hot tub and bath on a private deck overlooking the river as well as a twin-over full bunk bed for sleeping accommodations.

Link: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/18212121>

*Table 7: From May 1- Oct. 31; Fee per/Night/Group; Current Fee: \$0; Proposed Fee: \$90; Group Size: 4; Reservable.*

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
May 1	Oct 31	Night	Group	\$0	\$90	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Fee Justification

The forest will implement a consistent Forest-wide fee structure. Recreation user fees at sites which share a similar development scale, provide visitor services, and amenities available for use, will charge a recreation fee at common price point. Which is in-line with other outdoor recreation service providers, both public and private, featuring comparable provided services and facilities.

### Amenities

Basic kitchen supplies provided (pots/pans/plates), capacity 1-4 people, vault toilet, no water available, propane lights/appliances, propane/gas heat, gravel parking area, graveled 2WD access road, security services, building is eligible for or is on the National Register of Historic Places, reservable, historic structure rental, rec opportunities nearby, recreation opportunities adjacent.

## Burley Mountain Lookout

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Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Cabin/Lookout  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

A lookout that sits on the ground, but still has great views of volcanic peaks that include Mt Rainier, Mt Adams, and Mt St Helens. There is no water, but appliances include propane fridge, lights, and heat.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$4,464.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$56,042.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$175,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$10,000.00



## Red Mountain Lookout

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Cabin/Lookout  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

The Red Mountain Lookout is one of three active lookouts remaining on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. It can be accessed from the nearby Indian Racetrack Trail, which travels through a meadow that was the site of annual gatherings of Native Americans during huckleberry season. There is still evidence of the track they used for pony racing in the meadow. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail is 0.5 mile from the Lookout.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$5,234.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$67,623.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$26,000.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$10,000.00



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## Cabins-\$100



### Other Providers

Fish Lake Remount Depot Cabins, Price: \$95.00

U.S. Forest Service -Cabins can accommodate up to 4 people with full-size bed with mattress, table with chairs, sofa, propane heating and cooking stoves, solar-powered lighting, basic cookware and kitchen utensils. An outhouse with pit toilet is located nearby. Neither cabin has water or electricity.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234174>

Olallie Lake Guard Station Cabin, Price: \$125.00

U.S. Forest Service - Cabin can accommodate up to 8 people with kitchen, living room with two futon couches, a bunk bedroom and a loft with a queen bed. The cabin sleeps up to eight people. It has propane lights, a propane refrigerator, stove and oven, basic cooking pots, pans, dishes and eating utensils. A table and chairs is provided. A wood stove is available for heat. Firewood is provided. The cabin has a limited water supply to the kitchen sink with hot and cold water. A vault toilet is located about 75 feet from the cabin and is used by others.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233305>

River Retreat, Price: \$229.00

Private - The guesthouse adjacent to the main house offers a hot tub and bath on a private deck overlooking the river as well as a twin-over full bunk bed for sleeping accommodations.

Link: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/18212121>

*Table 8: From Jan 1- Dec 31; Fee per/Night/Group; Current Fee: \$50-65; Proposed Fee: \$100; Group Size: 6-9; Reservable.*

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
Jan 1	Dec 31	Night	Group	\$50, \$65	\$100.00	6-9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Fee Justification**

The forest will implement a consistent Forest-wide fee structure. Recreation user fees at sites which share a similar development scale, provide visitor services, and amenities available for use, will charge a recreation fee at common price point. Which is in-line with other outdoor recreation service providers, both public and private, featuring comparable provided services and facilities.

**Amenities**

Basic kitchen supplies provided (pots/pans/plates), capacity 5-8 people, outdoor hand pump water source, propane lights/appliances, propane/gas heat, vault toilet, gravel parking area, graveled 2WD access road, picnic tables, security services, building is eligible for or is on the National Register of Historic Places, reservable, historic structure rental, rec opportunities nearby.

**Government Mineral Springs Guard Station**

Mt Adams Ranger District, Cabin/Lookout  
Fee Increase; Expanded Amenity Fee

**Site Description**

Nestled in a grove of old growth trees, this recently renovated two-story cabin features a large kitchen with propane stove, dining room, and living room with fireplace and two futon beds. Two upstairs bedrooms can accommodate five, with two single beds in one bedroom and one bunk bed that sleeps three in a second bedroom. There is no potable water at the cabin. The cabin is available to rent year-round. The Trapper Creek Wilderness serves as the backyard and playground for visitors.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$28,166.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$62,870.00

**Current Revenue:** \$21,000.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$0.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$33,504.00



## Peterson Prairie Cabin

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Cabin/Lookout  
Fee Increase; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

The Peterson Prairie Cabin is located on the Mt Adams Ranger District, is powered by propane, has wood heat and can sleep up to six people. The cabin was salvaged from demolition in 2014 and moved into place of a cabin that was razed by fire in 2012. It is located near Peterson Prairie Campground where water is available during the summer when the campground is open.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** 15,877.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$28,306.00

**Current Revenue:** \$20,000.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$0.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$30,306.00

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## Cabins - \$150



### Other Providers

Clackamas Lake Historic Cabin, Price: \$180.00

U.S. Forest Service - This two-story cabin has a living room, kitchen, dining area, sunroom, bathroom with flush toilets and a shower, and three bedrooms with beds and mattresses. The cabin can accommodate up to eight people. The kitchen is equipped with a propane cook stove and oven, refrigerator, cooking pots and pans, and cooking and eating utensils and dishes. The cabin is heated by a fireplace insert in the living room. Firewood is provided. Hot and cold running water is always available. The cabin has propane lighting available.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234239>

Olallie Lake Guard Station Cabin, Price: \$125.00

U.S. Forest Service - The cabin accommodates up to 8 people. It has propane lights, a propane refrigerator, stove and oven, basic cooking pots, pans, dishes and eating utensils. A table and chairs is provided. A wood stove is available for heat. Firewood is provided. The cabin has a limited water supply to the kitchen sink with hot and cold water. A vault toilet is located about 75 feet from the cabin and is used by others.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233305>

River Retreat, Price: \$229.00

Private - The guesthouse adjacent to the main house offers a hot tub and bath on a private deck overlooking the river as well as a twin-over full bunk bed for sleeping accommodations.

Link: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/18212121>

Table 9: From May 1-Oct 31; Fee per/Night/Group; Current Fee: \$0; Proposed Fee: \$150; Group Size: 8; Reservable.

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
May 1	Oct 31	Night	Group	\$0	\$150.00	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Fee Justification

The forest will implement a consistent Forest-wide fee structure. Recreation user fees at sites which share a similar development scale, provide visitor services, and amenities available for use, will charge a recreation fee at common price point. Which is in-line with other outdoor recreation service providers, both public and private, featuring comparable provided services and facilities.

### Amenities

Basic kitchen supplies provided (pots/pans/plates), capacity 5-8 people, electric lights/modern appliances, outdoor hand pump water source, propane/gas heat, vault toilet, gravel parking area, paved access road, picnic tables, security services, building is eligible for or is on the National Register of Historic Places, reservable, historic structure rental, rec opportunities nearby.

### La Wis Wis Guard Station

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District, Cabin/Lookout  
New Fee; Expanded Amenity Fee

### Site Description

The cabin is in the popular La Wis Wis Campground and has been partially renovated through the Passport in Time Program. It is right off US Highway 12 at the confluence of the Clear Fork of the Cowlitz and Ohanapecosh Rivers. It is situated in a lush old-growth stand with river and trail access and is reached year-round. It is 5 miles from the town of Packwood, 5 miles from the southern entrance of Mt. Rainier NP, and 14 miles from White Pass Ski Area.



Total Operations & Maintenance: \$15,736.00  
Deferred Maintenance: \$33,354.00  
Current Revenue: \$0.00  
Projected Development Cost: \$5,000.00  
Predicted Revenue: \$41,062.00

### Johnston Ridge Observatory Visitor Center - \$12



### Other Providers

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, Price: \$10.00

The official interpretive center for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Link: <https://gorgediscovery.org/discover/>

Goldendale Observatory, Price: \$10.00

WA State Parks - WA Discover pass required \$10 per day, \$30 Annual

Link: <https://www.parks.wa.gov/512/Goldendale-Observatory>

Mount Rainier National Park, Price: \$30.00

National Park Service - \$30 per vehicle, \$25 per motorcycle, and \$15 individual pass for 7 days.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/2835>

Table 10: From May 1 to Oct 31; Fee per/Day/Person; Current Fee: \$8; Proposed Fee: \$12.

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
May 1	Oct 31	Day	Person	\$8	\$12.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Remarks</b>	The full suite of Interagency Passes will be accepted.						

### Fee Justification

Prices are based on the amenities and services provided. They are aligned with comparable interpretative sites with similar or better amenities and are in line with the services provided.

### Amenities

Garbage receptacle, paved parking, permanent sign on kiosk or stand alone, enhanced interpretative program, picnic tables, security services, flush toilets, paved access road, fee station, recreation opportunities adjacent, site has few things that need to be updated/replaced.

## Johnston Ridge Observatory

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Visitor Center/Picnic Site

Fee Increase; Standard Amenity Fee

### Site Description

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument is a U.S. National Monument that includes the area around Mount St. Helens in Washington. It was established on August 27, 1982, by U.S. President Ronald Reagan, following the 1980 eruption. Johnston Ridge Observatory, a premier Forest Service facility, hosts interpretive displays that tell the biological, geological, and human story of Mount St. Helens. It is located at the end of State Highway 504, in the heart of the blast zone, and is often the ultimate destination for visitors due to its location just five miles from the crater.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$442,573.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$1,904,219.00

**Current Revenue:** \$361,624.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$0.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$450,000.00

## Backcountry Permit - \$7

### Other Providers

North Cascades National Park Backcountry Permits, Price: \$20.00

National Park Service - A recreation flat fee of \$20 is charged per trip for advanced reservations and first-come, first-served permits that are issued at the Wilderness Information Center or other permit issuing station.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/permits/4675322>

Enchantment Permit Area, Price: \$5.00

U.S. Forest Service - Permits are required all year round and allows an individual or group (max. size limit is 12) travelling & camping together to stay in this Wilderness. \$5 per person for the 1st night; \$10 for 2-14 nights.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/permits/233273>

King Range Wilderness Permits, Price:\$8.00

National Park Service - Wilderness camping permits required for overnight stays for visitors 16 and over. Rate is \$8/person/night.

Link: <https://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/wilderness-reservations.htm>

Table 11: From May 1- Nov 30; Fee per/Night/Person; Current Fee: \$0; Proposed Fee: \$7; Reservable.

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
May 1	Nov 30	Night	Person	\$0	\$7.00	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Fee Justification

Prices are based on the amenities and services provided. They are aligned or below comparable special rec permits with similar or better amenities and are in line with the services provided.

### Amenities

Composting toilet, gravel parking area, security services, reservable.

## Mount Margaret Backcountry Permit

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Backcountry Permits  
New Fee; Special Recreation Permit

### Site Description

Eight designated campsites are scattered throughout the high-elevation lakes and jagged ridgelines of this remote area, offering a rugged hiking experience. Group size is limited to 4 person/group (8 persons at Ridge Camp). Camping is limited to 8 designated sites, with one permit issued per site per night (except Ridge Camp, which allows for 2 permits per night)



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$54,200.00

**Deferred Maintenance:** \$150,000.00

**Current Revenue:** \$0.00

**Projected Development Cost:** \$500.00

**Predicted Revenue:** \$45,906.00

## Climbing Permits - \$20

### Other Providers

Mount Rainier National Park Wilderness and Climbing Permits, Price: 20.00

National Park Service - Each permit is subject to a non-refundable \$6.00 lottery application fee if applying to the Early Access Lottery or a \$6.00 reservation fee for permits reserved in the general on-sale. A recreation flat fee of \$20 is charged for every permit reservation made in advance on Recreation.gov. The fee is not charged for first-come, first-served permits that are issued at a park Wilderness Information Center or Visitor Center.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/permits/4675317>

Mt. Whitney Climbing Pass- Inyo National Forest, Price: \$15.00

U.S. Forest Service- A \$15.00 per person recreation fee is charged for trips entering the Whitney Zone (Mt. Whitney, North Fork of Lone Pine Creek, and Trail Crest Exit). The recreation fees are used to finance the on-the-ground wilderness programs in Inyo National Forest.

Link: <https://www.recreation.gov/permits/233260>

Mt. Shasta Climbing Pass - Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Price: \$25.00

U.S. Forest Service - If you are climbing above 10,000 feet, you will also need a Summit Pass. Summit Passes cost \$25.00 per person and are valid for three days from the date of purchase. No Reservation fees.

Link: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/stnf/home/?cid=stelprdb5353013>

Table 12: From April 1-Oct 31; Fee per/Day/Person; Current Fee: \$15; Proposed Fee: \$20; Reservable.

From	To	Fee Per	Rate Per	Range of Current Fees	Proposed Fee	Group Size	Reservable
Apr 1	Oct 31	Day	Person	\$15	\$20		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Fee Justification

Prices are based on the amenities and services provided. They are aligned or below comparable climbing permits with similar or better amenities and are in line with the services provided.

### Amenities

Garbage receptacle, gravel parking area, picnic tables, climbing rangers, vault toilet, fee station, national volcanic monument.

## Mount St. Helens Climbing Pass

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Climbing Permit  
Fee Increase, Special Recreation Permit

### Site Description

Proposed increase on Mount St Helens Climbing Permit. Climbing permits are required year-round. To reduce crowding and protect natural features, the number of climbers per day on Mount St. Helens is subject to a quota from April 1 to October 21. During this period permits can be reserved on Recreation.gov. Outside the quota season permits are free of charge and self-issued at the trailhead. Revenue from the climbing permit supports the operation and maintenance of the climbing route and associated trailheads.



**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$151,000.00  
**Deferred Maintenance:** \$100,000.00  
**Current Revenue:** \$375,000.00  
**Projected Development Cost:** \$0.00  
**Predicted Revenue:** \$500,000.00

## Mt. Adams Climbing Pass

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Mt Adams Ranger District, Climbing Permit  
Fee Increase, Special Recreation Permit

### Site Description

The Cascade Volcano Pass is required for climbing Mount Adams above 7,000 feet in elevation. The South Climb route is by far the most popular route to climb Mount Adams, although there are several others. It's a relatively nontechnical climb in comparison to other glaciated Cascade Range volcanoes and is a great location for those seeking an introduction to mountaineering. Passes are currently required during the primary season of use which runs from May to the end of September.



### Additional Site Information

Current fee is \$10/person Mon-Thurs, and \$15/person Fri-Sun. Open May-Sept.

**Total Operations and Maintenance:** \$100,000.00  
**Deferred Maintenance:** \$90,000.00  
**Current Revenue:** \$103,000.00  
**Projected Development Cost:** \$0.00  
**Predicted Revenue:** \$152,000.00

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