

Recreation

Recreation use statistics have been tracked and documented in the Recreation Management Information system (RMIS). The 2000 summary follows:

Umpqua Resource Area	197,400	acres
<u>Myrtlewood</u> Resource Area	<u>128,430</u>	acres
Number of BLM acres within the Coos Bay District	325,830	acres

Visitation in the Coos Bay District generally showed an increase from use in 1999. Table 18 outlines visitation at each of the Districts developed recreation sites, Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA), and Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMA). The ERMA includes all of the recreation sites and areas outside of SRMAs.

Umpqua Resource Area SRMAs	Acres	Visits
Loon Lake SRMA ¹		
Loon Lake Campground	78.86	97,980
East Shore Campground	51.51	2,460
Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area SRMA	1,095.00	477,000
Coos Bay Shorelands SRMA ²	1,726.45	26,081
Umpqua SRMA Total	2,951.82	603,521
Umpqua ERMA & Recreation Sites		
Smith River Falls Campground	81.29	5,000
Vincent Creek Campground	3.5	2,500
Fawn Creek Campground	5	250
Park Creek Campground	60	9,550
Big Tree Recreation Site	20	600
Sub Total Developed Sites	169.79	17,900
Dispersed use	194,278	181,400
Umpqua ERMA Total	194,448	199,300
Total Umpqua Resource Area	197,400	804,221

Table 18. Extensive and Special Recreation Management Areas (continued)		
Myrtlewood Resource Area SRMAs		
New River ACEC/SRMA	1,168	1,080
Sixes River SRMA ³		
Sixes River Campground	120	1,238
Edson Creek Campground	45	2,457
Myrtlewood SRMA Total	1,333	4,775
Myrtlewood ERMA & Recreation Sites		
Cape Blanco Lighthouse (NHS)	32	22,001
Burnt Mountain Campground	38	954
Bear Creek (Site open to walk-in only 1999)	80	10,950
Palmer Butte Scenic Overlook	40	536
Sub Total Developed Sites	190	34,441
Dispersed Use	126,978	174,726
Myrtlewood ERMA Total	127,097	209,167
Total Myrtlewood Resource Area	128,430	213,942
Total Coos Bay District	325,830	1,018,163

¹ Loon Lake SRMA includes Loon Lake and East Shore Campgrounds.

² Includes the North Spit ACEC, North Spit Boat Ramp and the Bastendorff Beach access area that is managed by Coos County Parks. Does not include Bastendorff County Campground.

³ Sixes River SRMA includes Sixes River and Edson Creek Campgrounds.

Note: A visit is defined as a visit to BLM administered land and/or waters by a person for the purpose of engaging in any recreational activity (except those which are part of or incidental to the pursuit of a gainful occupation) whether for a few minutes, full day or more.

The number of recreation participants on the Coos Bay District BLM lands in FY 2000 is estimated to be 1,995,878. One visitor may participate in several recreation activities.

Recreation use permits for camping & day use issued at campgrounds and fees collected in 2000:

<u>Recreation Use Permits (RUP) Issued:</u>	<u>#Permits</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
Loon Lake/East Shore	9,166	\$ 96,677
Sixes River Campground	469	\$ 2,926
<u>Edson Creek Campground</u>	<u>832</u>	<u>\$ 6,617</u>
District Total RUPs & Collections	10,467	\$106,220

Special Recreation Permits (SRP) Issued:

Umpqua Resource Area collected \$625 for one SRP issued in FY 1999 for commercial tours to view the New Carissa ship wreck on the North Spit with 3,500 visitors.

Recreation Trails Managed

Umpqua Resource Area	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Use type</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Loon Lake Waterfall Trail	1	Hike	4,500
Blue Ridge multi-use Trail	12	Hike/bike/horse/OHV	1,400
<u>Big Tree</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>Hike/interpretive</u>	<u>400</u>
Total	13.5		6,300
Myrtlewood Resource Area			
Doerner Fir Trail #T801	0.8	Hike/interpretive	588
New River (7 Trails) #T802	3.5	Hike,interpretive	500
Hunter Creek Trails #T803	2.5	Hike	400
<u>Euphoria Ridge Trail #T804</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Mtn. Bike</u>	<u>600</u>
Total	12.8		2,088
Coos Bay District Total Trails	26.3		8,388

Off-Highway Vehicle Designations Managed (acres):

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Limited</u>	<u>Closed</u>
Umpqua Resource Area	80	195,515	1,805
<u>Myrtlewood Resource Area</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>126,532</u>	<u>1,898</u>
District Total	80	322,167	3,583

Backcountry Byways: Currently there are no plans to develop any of the 5 back country byways proposed in the RMP.

Major Projects Completed: (Other than recreation pipeline projects and planning)

- Constructed additional trails at Blue Ridge and Euphoria Ridge.
- Reconstructed 10 campsites at Loon Lake.
- Replaced picnic tables and grills in the Loon Lake day use area.
- Hazard tree assessments were completed for Loon Lake, Each Shore, Sixes and Edson campgrounds. Some trees were removed or pruned at Loon Lake, East Shore, and Edson Creek recreation areas.

Status of Recreation and Management Plans:

Umpqua Resource Area

- Coos Bay Shorelands SRMA - complete 1995.
- Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area SRMA-- Completed 1993, Amended 1998.
- Loon Lake SRMA Operations Plan - completed 1997 - Begin Management Plan FY 99.
- Park Creek Campground Site Plan - completed 1998.
- Smith River Falls & Vincent Creek Campgrounds Site Plans completed FY 99.
- Big Tree recreation site - recreation plan completed FY 99.
- Blue Ridge Multi-use trail - Completed 1998.
- Wassen Creek ACEC - Began scoping for the Trail and interim ACEC plan.
- Bastendorff Beach - Managed by Coos County under a Right of Way permit.
- No plans or schedule for proposed Tioga SRMA & Big Bend Recreation Site, other proposed trails, or the District OHV implementation plan.

Myrtlewood Resource Area

- New River ACEC/SRMA Management Plan - completed 1995 (trail/interpretive planning/implementation FY 99).
- Sixes River SRMA - Recreation Area Management Plan - completed FY 2000.
- Cape Blanco Lighthouse National Historic Site - Interim Management Plan completed 1996.
- Hunter Creek Bog ACEC Management Plan - completed 1996 (trail planning FY 99).
- Euphoria Ridge Trail planning - completed 1999.
- Doerner Fir Trail plan & trail head construction - completed FY 99.
- Bear Creek & Palmer Butte recreation site assessments - pending.

Interpretation and Environmental Education Programs/Projects:

- Interpretive Plans Completed (prior years)
 - Cape Blanco Light House and connected sites
 - New River ACEC - Interpretive plan for 4 sites with in the ACEC.
 - New River ACEC - Interpretive garden for native vegetation.
 - Draft District Environmental and Outreach Strategy.
- **Interpretive panels/exhibits Completed**
 - New River SRMA/ACEC - designed one portal sign, one bronze dedication plaque, and 4 interpretive panels for Floras Lake area.
 - Developed new interpretive panels/information boards for Park Creek, Smith River Falls and Vincent Creek Campgrounds.
 - Assisted with development of interpretive panels for 2 ODOT wayfinding points on US 101.
 - Developed 2 ACE Student exhibits.
 - Exhibits for Coos County Fair, state fair, Reedsport Tsalila festival, et.al.
 - Developed 2 exhibits and participated in Tsalila events.
 - Developed 2 career fair exhibits.
- **Environmental Educational Programs and Videos Produced**
 - Developed the following video programs:

- Tsalila
 - 3 videos with ODFW an S.T.E.P. program.
 - 1 video "Tour the Coos Watershed" for Coos Watershed Association.
 - Snag Blasting Safety training
 - Logging With a Harvester and Forwarder
 - In Stream Structure With Horses
 - Special Forest Products
 - Engineering Designs on the Coos Bay District
 - Road Decommissioning
 - Tidepool training video for CCIL
 - South Slough Reserve
 - Chinook Spawning
 - Tree Climbing for Red Tree Vole Nests
 - Lower Umpqua Tree Planting training video for local schools.
- **Educational Outreach Activities and Leave No Trace Programs**
 The following programs were conducted in various communities including : Reedsport, Coos Bay, North Bend, Eugene, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Bandon, and Florence.
- Conducted "Leave No Trace" programs in the schools for 4th to 6th graders. The time used on the programs at the schools was 6.5 days. Total participants for the year 210.
 - Summer "Leave No Trace" programs at the Backer Boy Scout camp each week and other programs on Leave No Trace at different areas with total participants of 680.
 - Programs at Camp Cleawox for the Girl Scouts on "Leave No Trace" with a total of 465 participants.
 - A 0.5 day program on "Walk as the Indians walked" on August 11, 2000 for South Coast Saturday Academy at Sunset Bay State Park. This was on outdoor skills and ethics program with a total of 6 participants.
 - Western Rivers Girl Scouts held their Junior Jamboree for Girl Scouts at Loon Lake. They acquired skills in the outdoors and ethics with a total of 140 participants.
 - Took 3 students from Reedsport High School on a one-day work shadowing to show them what a Park Ranger does at Loon Lake Recreation Area and included the Leave No Trace program.
 - Conducted a three hour Leave No Trace program for Children and Families Service at Tugman State park with a total of 78 participants.
 - Conducted a one hour program on Leave No Trace at Southwestern Oregon Community College in February. Total of 19 participants.
 - Conducted a two hour program on local Native Americans at North Bay Elementary School in February.
 - Conducted 3 Leave No Trace programs at Loon Lake Recreation Area with a total of 128 participants.
 - Total participants for the Leave No Trace program in the Coos Bay District was 1,729.
 - Assisted on the Leave No Trace workshop in October at Perkins Peninsula park.