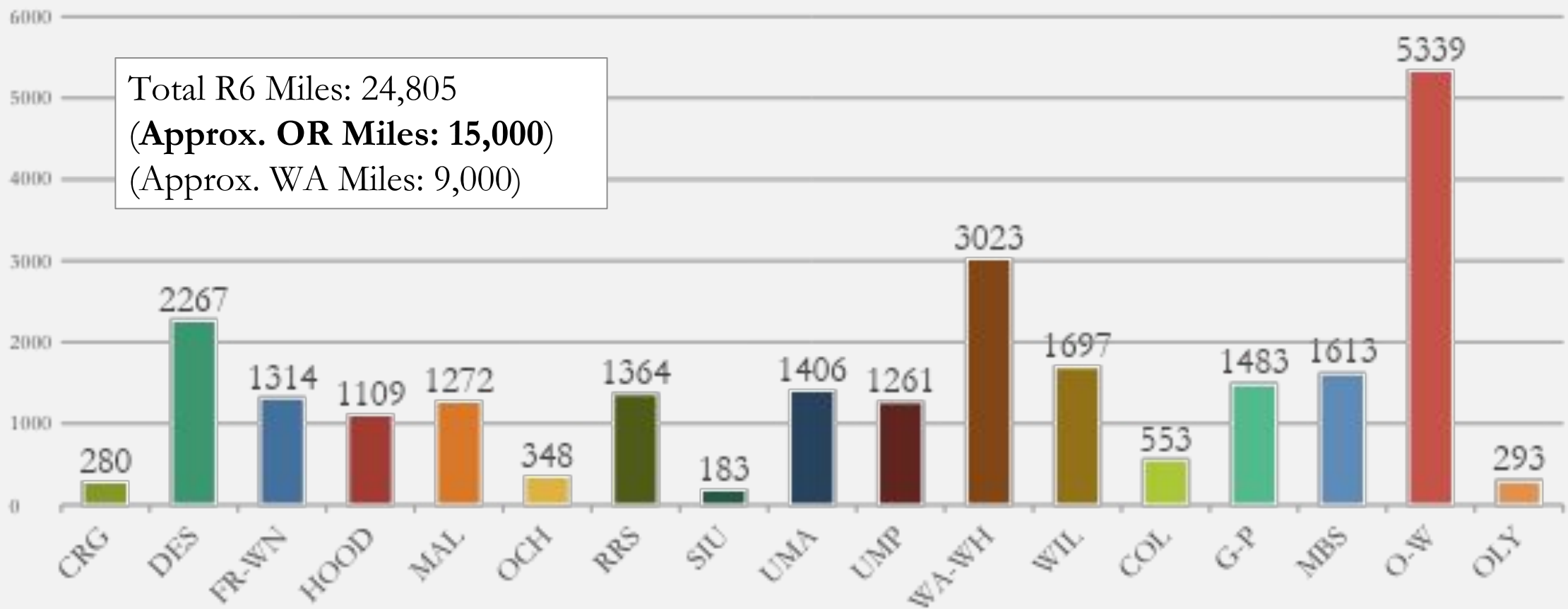




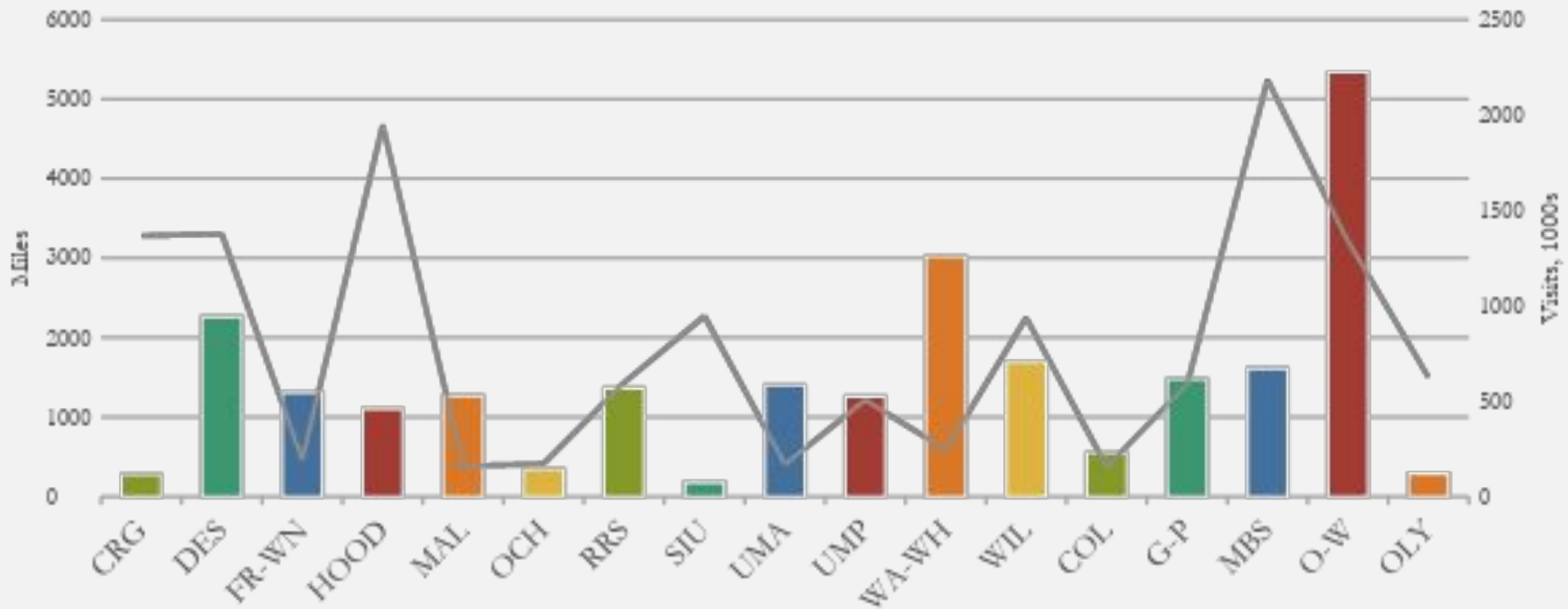
Regional Trails Strategy Overview

United States Forest Service
Pacific Northwest Region

Region 6 National Forest System Trail Mileage by Forest



Region 6 Trail Mileage and Visitation By Forest

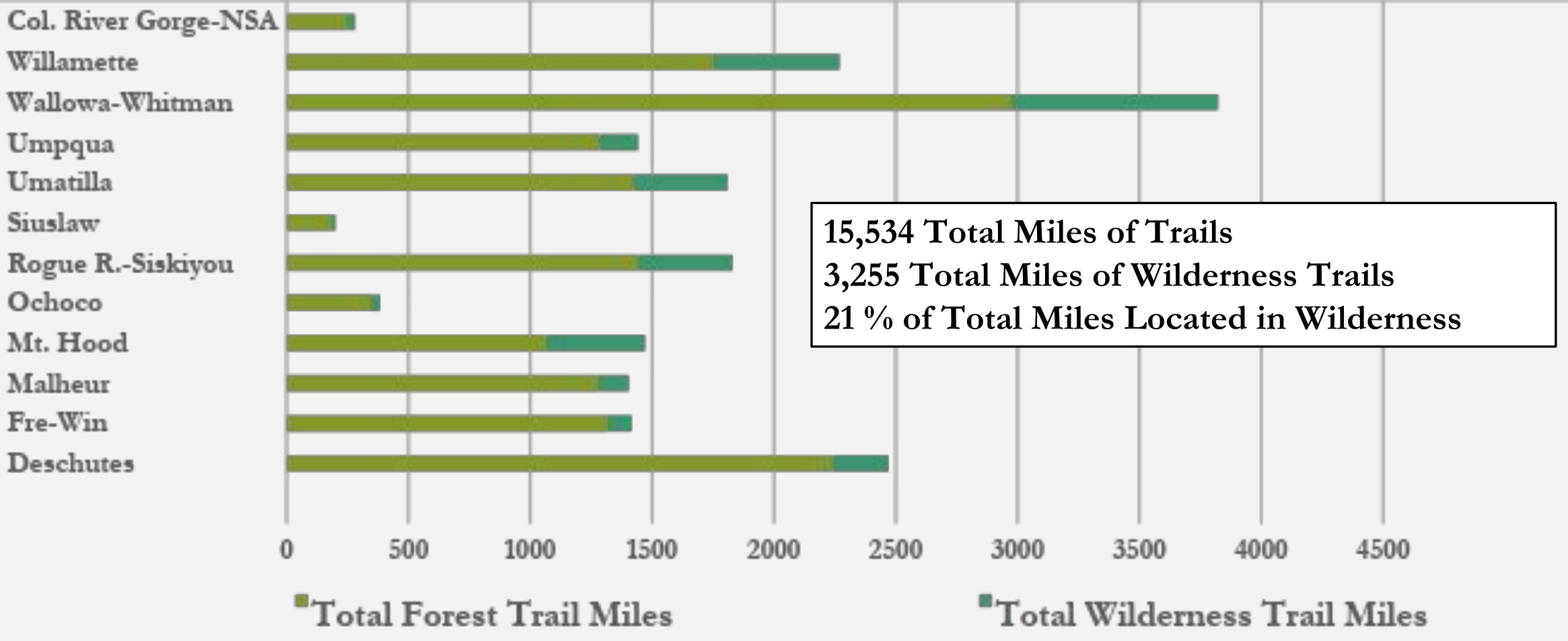


NVUM Regional Estimated Annual National Forest Visits, 2011-2018; visit data represented by 1000s



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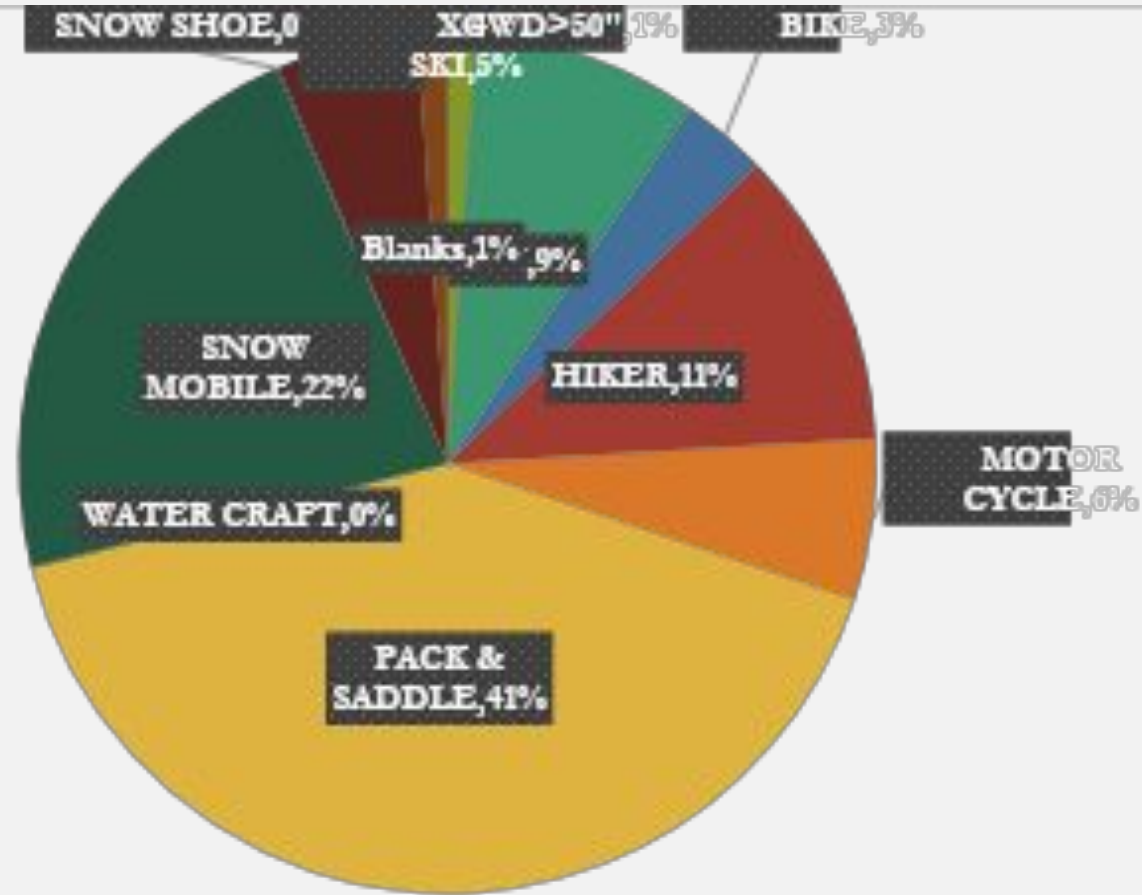
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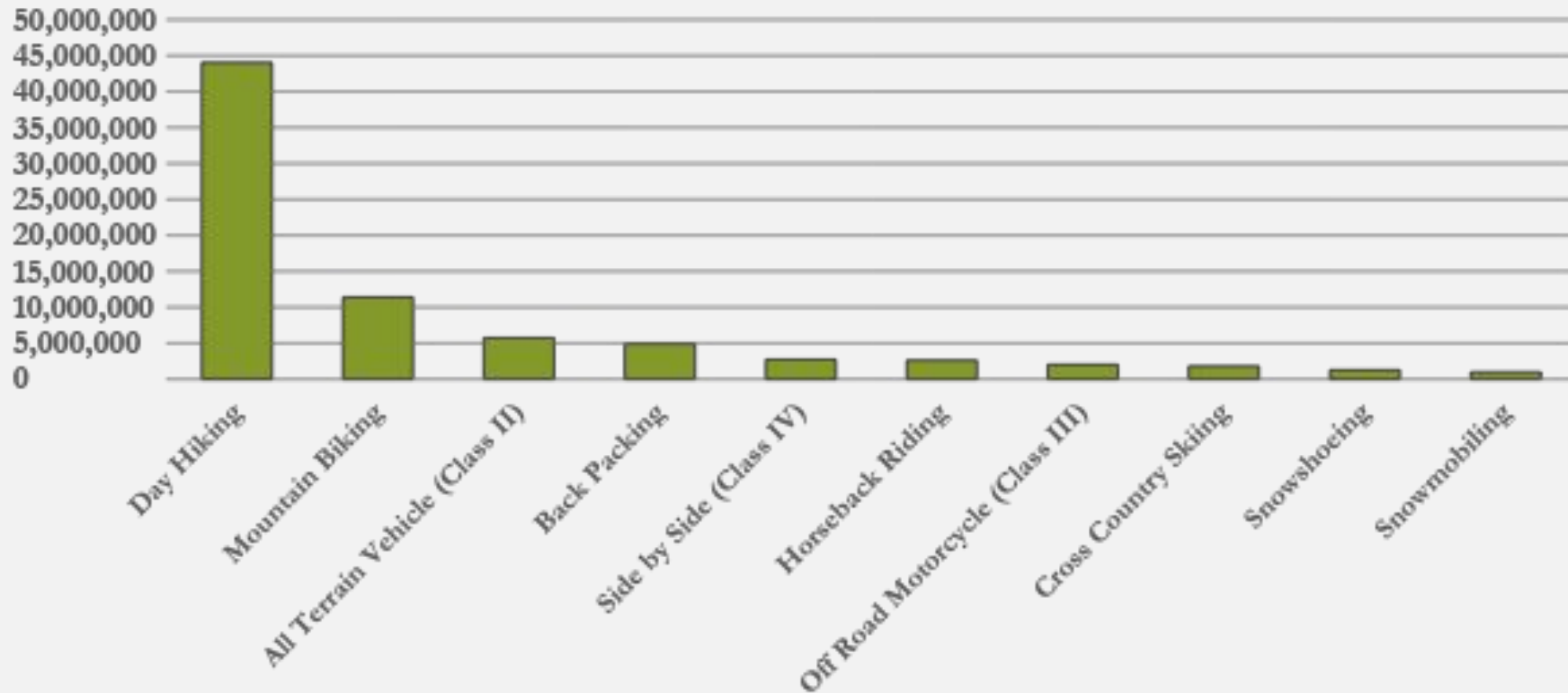
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USFS Region 6 Trail Network Designed Use



State of Oregon Recreation Use Visitor Days



*Recreation Use Visitor Days are the number of times individuals, in aggregated, participated in outdoor recreation activities in 2017 across all recreation service providers in the State (2019-2013 SCORP).

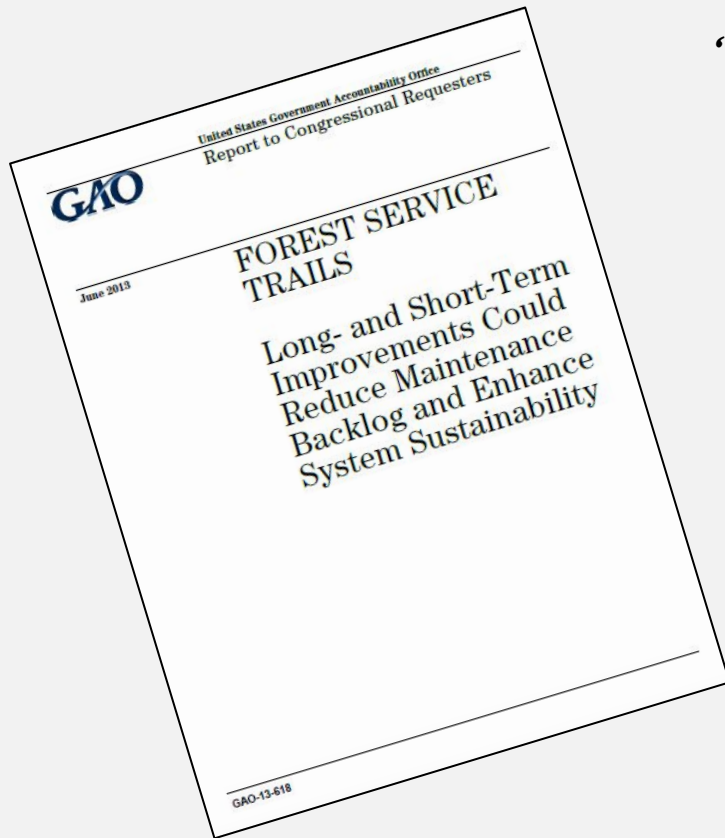


A Need for Change

“The Forest Service has more miles of trail than it has been able to maintain...”

Pacific Northwest Region Statistics

- Miles meeting standard: **30%**
- Miles annually receiving maintenance: **50%**
- Costs:
 - Deferred Maintenance: **\$29 million**
 - Additional Costs: **\$19 million**
(annual maintenance, capital improvement & operations)
 - Annual Budget: **\$6 Million**

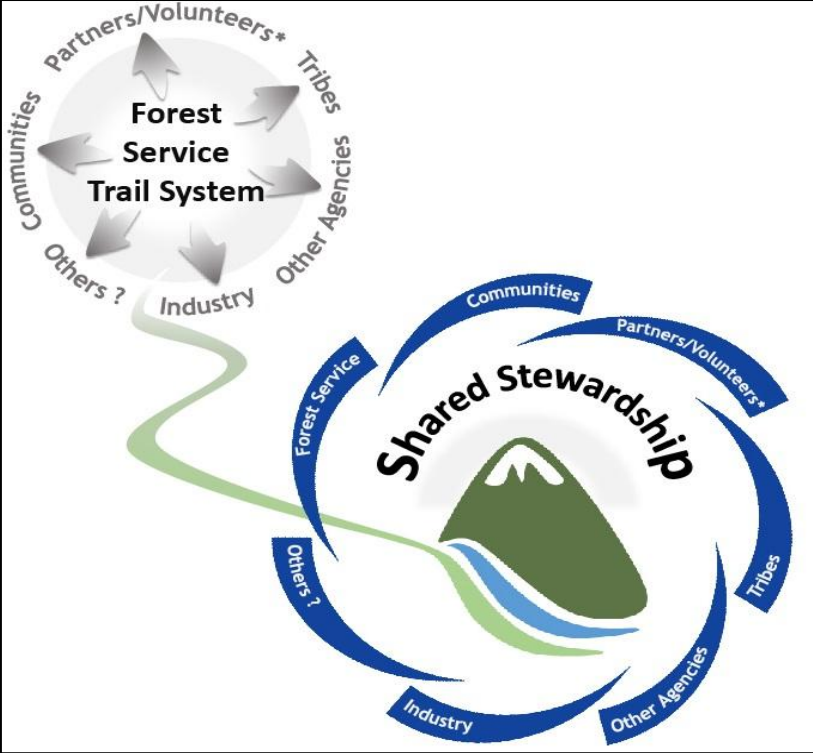


National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act

- Strategy to increase the role of partners/volunteers in National Forest System Trail Maintenance (100 percent by 2021)
- Priority Trail Maintenance Areas Established
 - Hells Canyon/Eagle Cap Wilderness
 - Methow Valley Ranger District
- Outfitter Guide Pilot Areas Nominated-off-setting land use fee in lieu of trail work.



National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System



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10 Year Sustainable Trails Challenge



The goals of the trail challenge are to improve the agency's ability to manage and maintain trails over the long-term and directly increase on-the-ground results benefitting trails.

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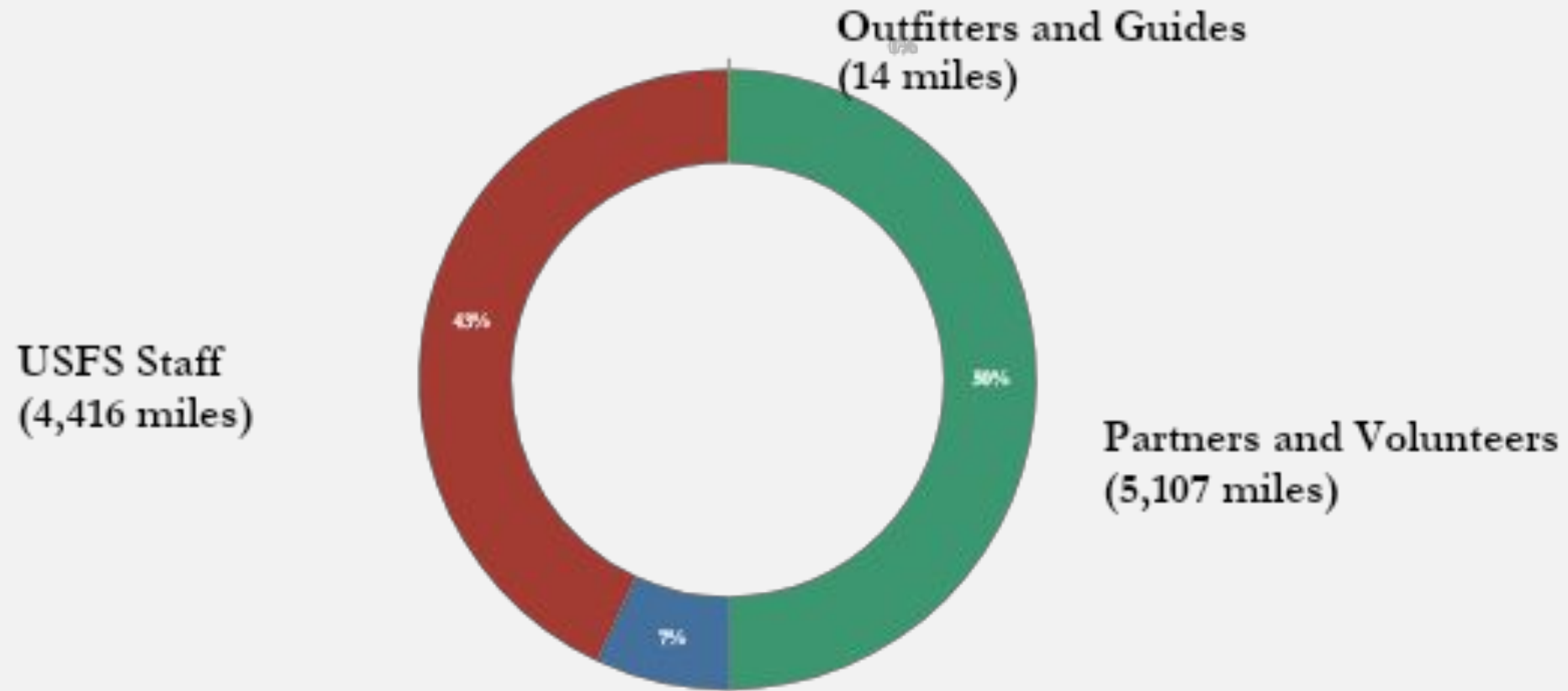


Who is being Challenged

- The collective community that supports trails managed by the Forest Service is being challenged, including all levels and many other program areas, and trail partners (including trail organizations, individual and group volunteers, local communities, tribes and tribal organizations, and outdoor recreation economy stakeholders).
- This is a challenge that emphasizes working together and learning from each other, recognizing differences, and amplifying successes for the benefit of trails and the people (including agency employees, partners, and volunteers).



A Model of Shared Stewardship



Regional Sustainable Trail Strategy



Trail Strategy Goal

Modernize the Pacific Northwest's trail network to provide a world class experience in a way that meets the needs of present and future generations and to enhance the ecological, social and economic conditions.



Trail Strategy VISION

- There is a visible trends towards re-aligning our legacy trails into a sustainable trail system based on collaborative planning and skilled, focused and prioritized management.
- The Pacific Northwest Forests have succeeded in establishing collaborative trails planning efforts and have a shared vision for their future trails network.
- There is steady progress towards properly assessing trail sustainability and sound trail planning across recreation service providers.
- Forests have gradually re-aligned their workforce duties to focus trails positions on skilled staff who are proactive in managing volunteers and partnerships and in leveraging capacity.
- A cadre of skilled trails specialists has been established, properly trained and is working effectively to share skills across the region and to elevate our technical expertise in assuring high quality trails work.

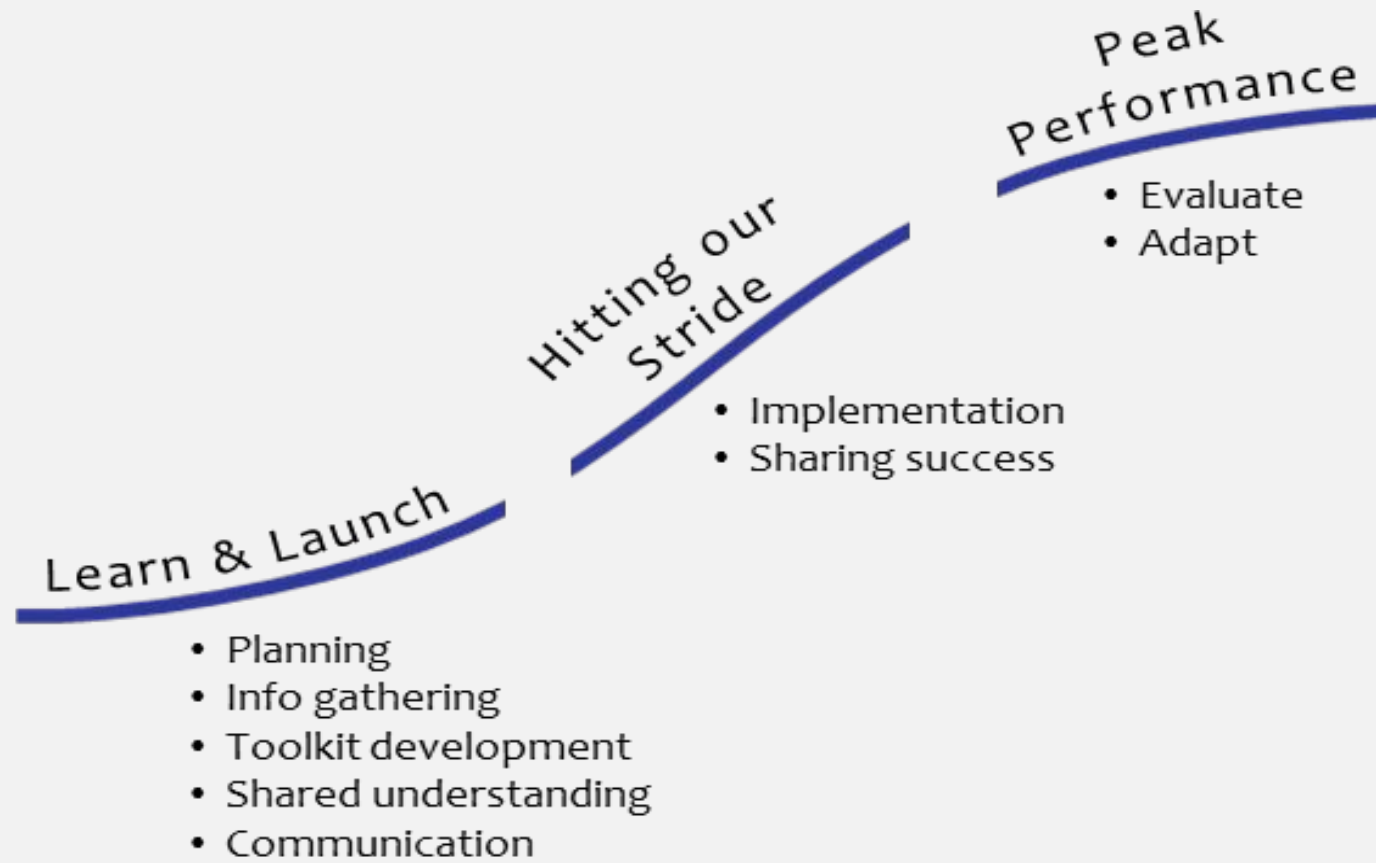


Trail Strategy OUTCOMES

- Our partners, local communities and interested publics understand and support the importance of balancing our portfolio of trail based recreation opportunities at socially, environmentally, and financially sustainable levels.
- Engage in consistent processes with the public and our partners based on a systematic, region-wide approach that increases support for our modernization efforts.
- Improve the way we engage, do business with, recognize, and work collectively with partners to streamline processes, reduce redundancy, minimize impacts on Forest staff, and maximize the use of funding and human resources.
- Shift Trail Program investments to address the highest priority needs, both at Forest and Regional levels.
- Over time, modernize and align the trail system and program to meet the needs of current and future generations based on the collective capacity of the agency and partners to sustain it.
- Increase the social and economic values of the trail system while reducing the negative ecological impacts.
- Deliver on the commitment that trails will not be an unfunded mandate through identified and dedicated funds, endowments, etc. to increase the level of support for trail planning and management.



Trail Strategy IMPLEMENTATION



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IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENT STEP 1

Create Shared Understanding

- Define trail sustainability (with partners) Establish a vision for the trails program throughout the region.
- Establish the foundation for moving forward with the identification of a sustainable trails system at both the regional and local scale.
 - Establish regional principals that will guide field level trail planning.
 - Develop principals with our partners, volunteers and stakeholders working alongside USFS
 - Develop shared understanding through a series of facilitated listening sessions at a Statewide scale convened by our partners.



IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENT STEP 2

Evaluate Trail Program and Establish Baseline Conditions

- Conduct an analysis of the USFS and our Partners to establish current capacity for collaboratively managing our regional network of trails.
- Provide an evaluation of our current trails program staff at all levels of the agency with the region.
 - Includes funding derived from appropriations and grant funding sources.
- Provide an evaluation of our partner contributions at the Regional, Forest and District scale.



IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENT STEP 3

Identify Sustainable Trail Systems and Assess Proposed Trails

- Identify a sustainable trail system by evaluating current and potential future trails.
 - Are the trails that currently exist in the right location and do they provide the right types of access and experiences for the public?
 - Potential for implementing a version of the Rapid Assessment Tool that takes into consideration Resource/Social/Economic sustainability elements.
- Public outreach exercise that is conducted through a series of facilitated work sessions at a TBD scale.
- Results in a color coded map of trails (green, yellow, red) showing levels of sustainability.
- Identifies opportunities for new trails in areas where current network is not providing the desired access/experiences.



IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENT STEP 4

Modernize Trail System

- Based on the results of the previous elements, trails program would be modernized/realigned to implement regional strategy.
- Potential for resources to be distributed differently, center of excellence could be established to share resources, training developed to increase capacity of staff and partners etc. New agreements could be developed with regional and local partners.
- The right “color of money” would be identified to fund priority projects
Implementation of Trail Endowment with State level partners

