

made by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's primarily to aid the enrollees. Current replacement costs have never been estimated.

The only Federal agency managing its lands primarily for outdoor recreation is the National Park Service. It reports assets of \$1.7 billion, of which 58 percent is in land. However, this prices our national park land at \$38 per acre. Current mean land acquisition price within existing parks is approximately \$4,500 per acre.

Total expenditures by Federal and State agencies for outdoor recreation purposes offer some indication of the volume of investment. Between 1951 and 1965, these agencies spent an estimated \$7.7 billion.

Ownership of facilities on Federal and State lands varies with the type of facility as well as with the agency. For example, the Federal and State governments retain the ownership of the land and water used for developing such facilities as picnic areas, campgrounds, and swimming beaches. However, facilities such as ski tows, cabins, stores, boat docks, hotels, and lodges, may be developed by private enterprise under various types of lease agreement and possessory interests. At the end of 1965, 2,471 individual concessionaries owned privately developed facilities on Federal lands valued at \$319.5 million. Current statistics of similar facilities on State lands are not available. However, State governments are tending to emphasize State construction and operation of such highly developed facilities.

B. COSTS AND USER CHARGES

1. CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATING COSTS

Construction costs for outdoor recreation facilities vary widely depending upon the remoteness of the location, terrain, soil conditions, and the design of the facility required. Estimated average construction costs for several typical recreation facilities are as follows: campgrounds (including water supply, sanitary facilities, parking space, table and fireplace)—\$2,405 per site; visitor information service center—\$30 to \$35 per square foot; parking spaces \$2,000 per site; picnic table and bench—\$100 per site; trails—\$5,000 per mile.

Annual maintenance and operating expenses for different recreation facilities also are quite variable depending upon the age of facility, design of the original construction, and intensity of use. Annual maintenance and operating expenses for campgrounds and picnic sites are estimated to be 5 to 10 percent of the original cost of construction. A similar estimate for roads is 10 to 15 percent per mile of the original construction cost.

2. USER CHARGES

Neither the States nor the Federal Government have depended, primarily, upon entrance fees or user charges to finance the acquisition of lands and waters or the construction of facilities for outdoor recreation. In 1960, the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission found that the States and the Federal Government collected entrance and user charges totaling \$20.9 million, but that this sum represented only 5.4 percent of their total expenditures for outdoor recreation that year.