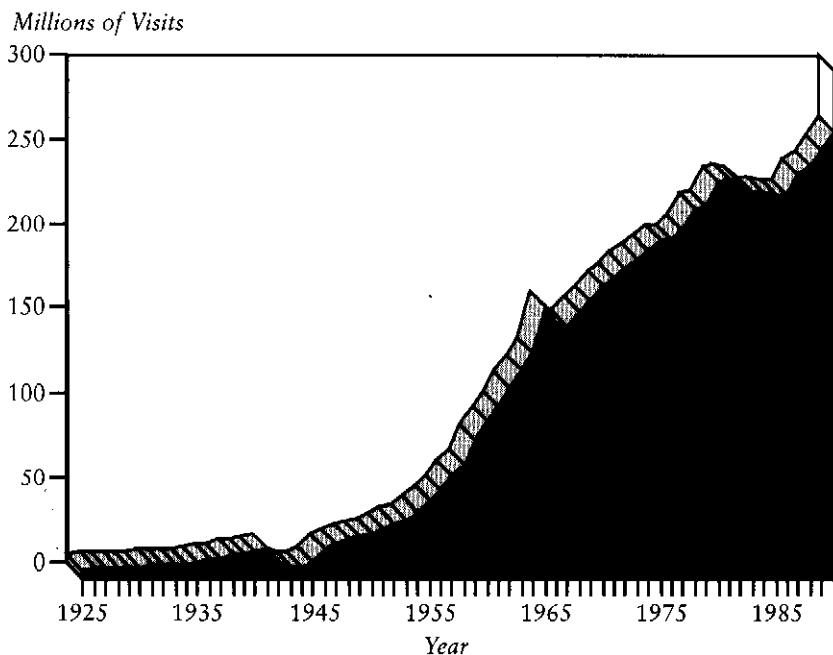


**Figure 16. National Forest Recreational Use, 1925–1990**



Source: USDA–Forest Service

*After World War II, steadily increasing national economic growth provided the basis for increasing personal income and leisure time. That, along with the proliferation of automobiles, revolutionized the recreational habits of the American people. Increasing recreational visits to the national forests reflect a pattern common to other public lands as well.*

*Increased recreational demands came at the same time that the nation's public forests were also experiencing increased demands for other uses. Such pressures have been felt especially in the last three decades as conflicts over the use and management of public lands have intensified.*