South Fork Forest Camp 2019 Annual Report

History

Established 1951 to provide labor for rehabilitation of the Tillamook Burn and meaningful work for Oregon State Penitentiary "honor" inmates (AIC's)

Vision

- ***Provide*** *cost effective, skilled AIC labor to State Forests and Fire Protection programs.*
- ***Promote*** *public safety by holding AIC's accountable.*
- ***Reduce*** *recidivism by modeling pro social behavior and teaching work skills that help AIC's be productive citizens upon release.*

WORDS FROM THE CAMP MANAGER

Greetings from South Fork and welcome to the 2019 Annual Report,

Over the last year South Fork employees continued providing outstanding work to the State Forests and Protection from fire programs. There were a couple significant changes in 2019. HB 3146 changed the usage of the word inmate, Adult in Custody (AIC) is now the proper term to use when referencing incarcerated individuals across all prisons in Oregon. This led to a myriad of other changes in forms, documents, manuals, PD's, even the crew boss title, Forest Inmate Crew Coordinator (FICC) was changed to Forest Crew Coordinator (FCC).

The addition of four new crew vehicles (crummies) puts us well on our way to replacing the older crummies. Some of the older crummies are 13-15 year old higher mileage vehicles that are showing their age. The new crummies are custom built and designed in the same basic configuration as our older crummies with several enhancements and upgrades that will help the crews be safer on the road and have a more functional vehicle to carry out their work. We are planning to replace the remaining older fleet vehicles over the next few years.

It has been a busy year of hiring at South Fork and we have several new positions to announce. Bill Huserik promoted from FCC to a Wildland Fire Supervisor position. Bill is very passionate about his new job, he is learning a lot and doing a great job navigating through all of the intricacies involved with this very unique and challenging position. Garret Armstrong, Jason Scott, Dillon Neumann, and Bill Brady were all hired into the FCC ranks within the last year. All of these individuals bring a variety of new talents and experiences to South Fork and all are doing an excellent job learning and adjusting to their new roles.

Fire season was much quieter in 2019, these are some of the more notable fires we responded to. East Evans Creek near Medford was largest fire we worked on. Gyda Lane in the South West Oregon Area, the Trojan fire in West Oregon and the Santiam Park Fire in North Cascade.

Our great employees make South Fork Camp the success it is today. The AIC's are a crucial ingredient that makes the South Fork machine run. Employees working together with the AIC's produce a quality product on a daily basis which can be a very difficult task. I am very proud of the entire South Fork Team, it is a daunting task that takes everyone working together to be successful. I would like to say "Thank You" to each and every one of our employees, your dedication and sacrifice does make a difference.

Sincerely,
Dave Luttrell
Camp Manager

YEAR IN REVIEW

South Fork Forest Camp provides specialized training and manages the work and daily activities of up to 170 AIC's as they provide cost-effective labor for reforestation, campground and trail maintenance, and wildland fire-fighting across the state.

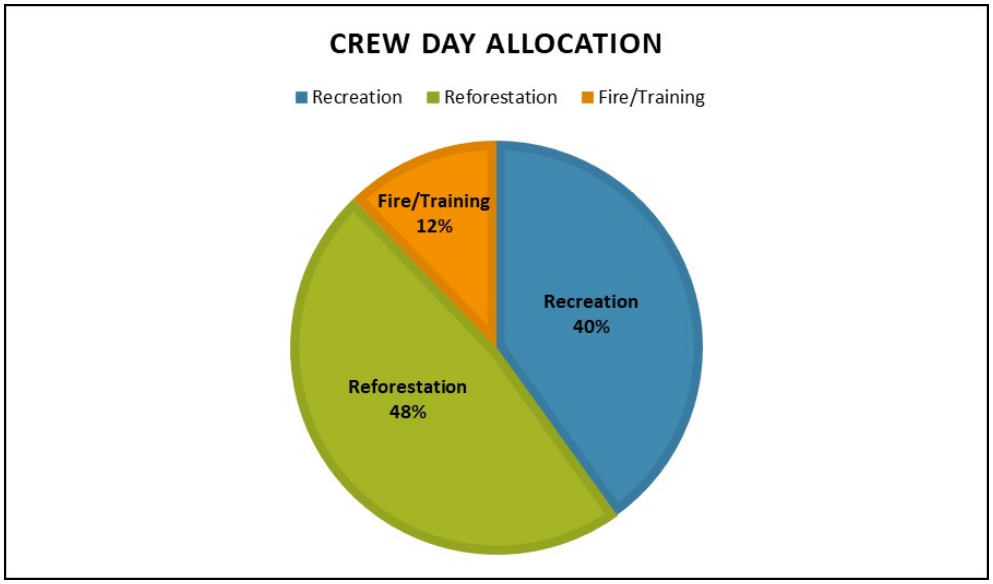
In 2019 South Fork responded to 8 fires in the NWOA and 15 fires throughout the rest of the State for a total of 23 overall which resulted in about 1,771 total crew days.

In reforestation the crews planted approximately 197,350 trees, installed over 300,000 budcaps on approximately 1,805 acres, completed over 1,900 acres of saw release and 2,620 acres of direct control tree protection (trapping). In Recreation the crews maintained 186 miles of recreation trail and approximately 35 campgrounds, day use areas and trailheads. Crews also accomplished about 130 miles of road brushing.

Other notable projects include a building remodel for the Astoria District, started construction on a new Shower Trailer and the Parking Expansion project which included site work for a new pole building.

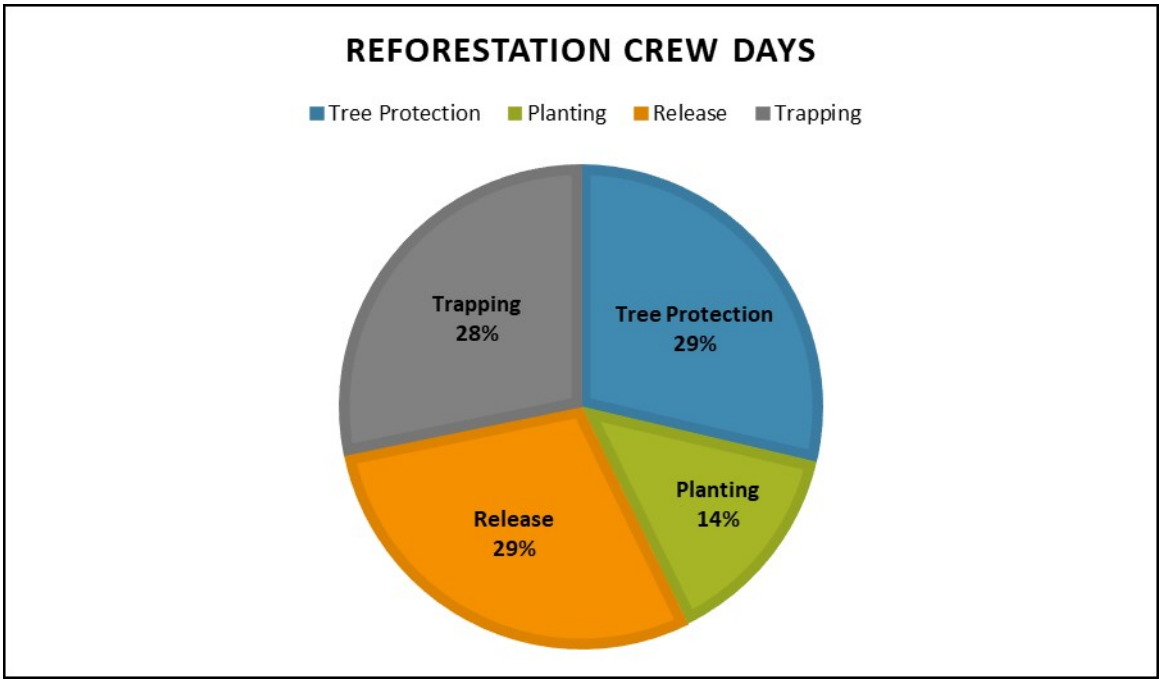
Its worth noting the amazing recidivism numbers that the camp contributes to. A study a few years ago shows South Fork AIC's that have been at camp for 2 years have a 12.3% recidivism rate which is about a 50% reduction when compared to DOC as a whole. This prosocial work often goes unnoticed but it is extremely important to the State as a whole.

CREWDAYS BY DISTRICT	Total
Tillamook	710
Forest Grove	823
Astoria	375
West Oregon	185
North Cascade	231
TFC	68



REFORESTATION

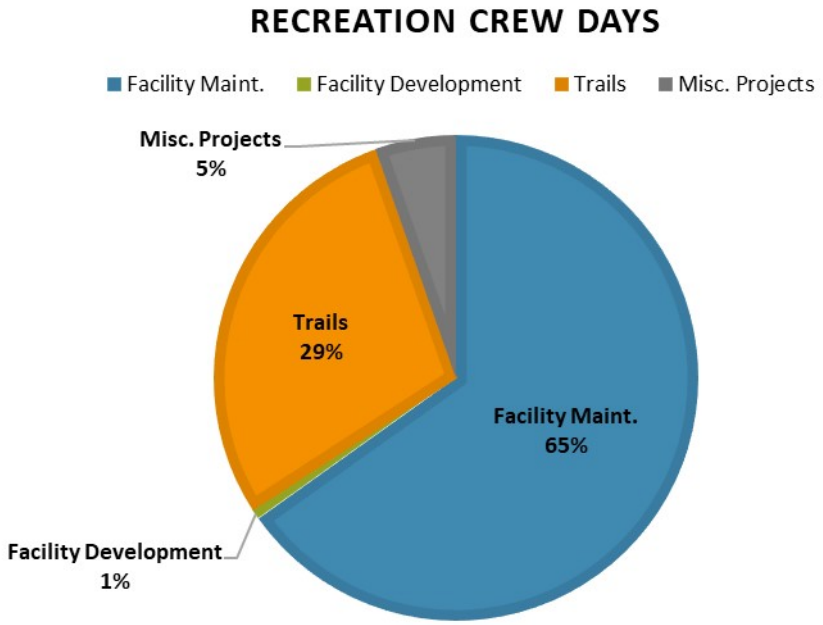
SFFC & MCCF	Total
Trees Planted	197,350
Acres Planted	609
Crew Days Planting	125
Crew Days Tree Packing	56
Bud Caps Placed	303,091
Acres Bud Capped	1,805
Crew Days Capping	183
Tubes/Pins Placed	39,675
Crew Days Tube/Pin	72
RELEASE	**Total**
Saw Crew Days	255
Saw Acres	1,922
Chemical Crew Days	8
Chemical Acres	54
TRAPPING	**Total**
Acres	2,620
Traps Set	15,854
Crew Days	251
Animals Caught	4,806



RECREATION

South Fork played a vital role supporting recreation units in 2019 across four districts. This included work on nearly a million feet of trail, facility maintenance of 35 ODF campgrounds, trail heads and recreation facilities. This work includes dispersed and dumpsite clean-up, sign installation, kiosk installation and many other special projects that keep the campgrounds beautiful and operational.

SOCIAL & RECREATION	**Total 680 Crew Days**
Trail Crew Days	246
Trail Maintenance	184 miles
Trail Development	2 miles
Facilities Maintenance	380 Crew Days
Facilities Development	6 Crew Days
Misc. Project	48 Crew Days



FIRE SEASON 2019

FIRE DEPLOYMENTS	Total
Outside NWOA Fires	8
Outside NWOA Crew Days	113
NWOA Fires	15
NWOA Crew Days	64
Total Fires	23
Total Fire Crew Days	177
AIC Fire Training Crew Days	61

SHOP PROJECTS

2019 was a busy year for the South Fork Shop; producing several signs, kiosks and miscellaneous field gear for various Districts and fellow Agencies. In addition to these projects, the South Fork Shop also built an 8-stall Shower Trailer, crummy refurbs and began breaking ground on a new Pole Building to house our sawmill and various sign and recreation projects.

CAPITOL TREE DELIVERY

Once again South Fork employees carried on the tradition of delivering the Christmas tree to the State Capitol Building. This tradition takes a lot of coordination and a little bit of good old fashioned work. Starting from selecting the tree, cutting it down, loading it on a truck, carrying it down the long narrow hallways of the capitol building and then finally using ropes to stand it up, it takes coordination and ingenuity to make it all come together. A big thanks to the Astoria District for donating the tree from the Clatsop State Forest and the Forest Grove District for donating the excavator time and operator to do the heavy lifting.

THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED US

ASSISTANT CAMP MANAGER

BILL HUSERIK

SHOP FOREMAN

JASON HOLTON

NEW FCC'S

JASON SCOTT
GARRETT ARMSTRONG
TUCKER REYNOLDS

FCC TEMPS

DILLON NEUMAN
MATT HERNANDEZ
BILL BRADY

THOSE WHO MOVED ON...

ERIK DEUTSCH
FCC / SHOP FOREMAN

TONY GRIER
AUTOMOTIVE TECH

WILL BENNETT
FCC

IN REMEMBERANCE

JASON RINGHOUSE
SF FCC 2013—2019

Father, Husband, Brother, Son, Friend, Coworker. You will be missed in so many ways.

Rest in Peace

SOUTH FORK ORGANIZATION

DAVE LUTTRELL
FOREST MANAGER 2

AARON AUBLE
WFS

BRIAN BECK
FCC

BRANDON FERGUSON
FCC

MARIO LARA
FCC

KAEL POKLIKUHA
FCC

PAUL THOMAS
FCC

PETER KAISER
FCC

BILL BRADY
FCC

JOHN STEVENS
AUTO TECH II

JASON HOLTON
SHOP FCC.

TRACY JONES
ADMIN **SPEC I**

BILL HUSERIK
WFS

WILL JONES
FCC

JIM REYNOLDS
FCC

GARRETT ARMSTRONG
FCC

JASON SCOTT
FCC

DILLON NEUMANN
FCC

PHILLIP SOOTS
FCC

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SEASONAL FCC