

# RECREATION MANAGEMENT

## Board of Forestry Recreation Accomplishments (FY 2015)

**Table 1: Summary of Volunteer Hours for Recreation Projects FY 2015**

	Tillamook State Forest - Forest Grove District	Tillamook State Forest - Tillamook District	Clatsop State Forest	Santiam State Forest	West Oregon District
Total Hours	3,872	2,950	1,023	148	2,372

**Table 2: Trail Project Summary for FY 2015**

Activity	Tillamook State Forest		Clatsop State Forest	Santiam State Forest	West Oregon District
	Forest Grove District	Tillamook District	Astoria District	North Cascade District	
<b>OHV Trails (Existing)</b>	107 miles	347.4 miles	35 miles	6 miles	4.8 miles
New Trails Construction	5.6 miles	2.8 miles	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	3.2 miles	9.1 miles	3 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trails Maintained	23.3 miles	22.2 miles	38 miles	6 miles	4.8 miles
<b>Non-Motorized Trails (Existing)</b>	64.5 miles	20.8 miles	21 miles	22 miles	9.5 miles
New Trails Construction	1.0 miles	0.2	0	0 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	2.25 miles	2	.08 mile	1 miles	3 miles
Trails Maintained	27 miles	15.2 miles	21 miles	22 miles	9.5 miles

**Table 3: Number of Campers and Revenue from Campgrounds during FY 2015**

Campground	District/Campsites	Campers	Revenue
Henry Rierson Spruce Run	Astoria/38 sites	14,699	\$48,782
Gnat Creek	Astoria/4 sites	1,036	\$2,489
Northrup Creek	Astoria/11 sites	1,389	\$3,525
Beaver Eddy	Astoria/8 sites	2187	\$3,165
Gales Creek	Forest Grove/19 sites	3,200	\$16,241
Brown's Camp	Forest Grove /30 sites	4,872	\$25,741
Stage Coach Horse Camp	Forest Grove/10 sites	263	\$1,526
Elk Creek	Forest Grove/14 sites	2,499	\$5,984
Reehers Camp	Forest Grove/17 sites	904	\$5,400

Rock Creek	North Cascade/4 sites	664	\$1,595
Butte Creek Falls	North Cascade/3 sites	533	\$1,166
Santiam Horse Camp	North Cascade/12 sites	419	\$1,841
Shellburg Falls	North Cascade/7 sites	766	\$1,696
Jones Creek	Tillamook/44 sites	6,218	\$34,859
Jordan Creek	Tillamook/6 sites	525	\$2,600
Nehalem Falls	Tillamook/21 sites	3,151	\$20,891
Keenig Creek	Tillamook/12 sites	2,035	\$5,528
Diamond Mill	Tillamook/17 sites	2,033	\$4,813
<b>Total</b>	<b>277 campsites</b>	<b>47,393 campers</b>	<b>\$181,864</b>

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## Recreation Facility Planning and Development Projects

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Each State Forest and District with developed recreation facilities has a ten-year plan that provides a prioritized list of facility development projects. Other districts pursue recreation opportunities as time and resources allow and in concert with user groups and volunteers. Following is a summary of recreation-related accomplishments during FY 2015.

### Clatsop State Forest—Astoria District

#### *Developed Facility Improvements*

##### *Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground*

- Continued making improvements to various infrastructures in the campground including, rocking and hardening of sites, rebuilding woodshed doors and planting of native trees, plants, and shrubs.
- Installed new interpretive panels on information kiosk.
- 694 hours of volunteer camp hosting.

##### *Beaver Eddy Campground*

- Continued improvements to camping infrastructure through rocking and hardening of sites.
- Improved visitor access to Sites #2 and #3.
- Installed soil berms with native shrubbery at Sites #5 and #8 to provide privacy screening between campsites.

##### *Gnat Creek Campground*

- Continued improvements to camping infrastructure including drainage, campsites and rail fence.
- Repaired deteriorated and rotten sections of kiosk footings.
- Installed new interpretive panels on information kiosk.

##### *Northrup Creek Horse Camp and Trail*

- Cleared trails of brush and windthrow, worked on improving trail drainage issues, and changing trail conditions.

- Worked on improving trail signage.
- Installed new interpretive panels on information kiosk
- 152 hours of volunteer camp hosting

### ***Dispersed and Designated Recreation Sites***

- Continued to improve camping infrastructure Lower Nehalem dispersed camping sites to improve parking, safety, and overall condition at sites.

### ***Lost Lake Recreation Area***

- Awarded grant and completed installation of a double vault toilet, informational kiosk, boat ramp and parking lot improvements at Lost Lake.
- Improved day use picnic area and installed stand up BBQ.
- Improved approach to fisherman's trail around lake.

### ***Astoria District Demonstration Forest and Wellness Trail***

- Continued to maintain trail infrastructure and kept trail surfacing clear of vegetation.
- Removed hazard trees and cleared underbrush.

### ***Soapstone Lake/Bloom Lake/Spruce Run Creek/Gnat Creek /Big Tree Trails***

- Cleared trails of brush and windthrow that resulted from winter storms.

### ***Nicolai Mtn. OHV Riding Area***

- Installed information kiosks at dispersed, designated campsites and trail heads (Plympton, Kerry, Viewpoint, Hunt Cr., and Shingle Mill).
- Continued to maintain the trail infrastructure.
- Planned Viewpoint Camp improvements.

## **Tillamook State Forest—Forest Grove District**

### ***Developed Facility Operations, Improvements, and Dispersed Site Projects***

- Operated and maintained five developed campground facilities, eleven developed day use facilities and over 30 dispersed site camping areas
- Replaced 17 picnic tables in Browns Camp (campground)
- Cleaned and re-sealed the roofs of 15 CXT restroom buildings
- Installed rail safety fence in Reehers Camp site B3
- Installed 4 roadside directional signs and upgraded 1 roadside directional sign in the Rogers Basin
- Completed transplanting and vegetation area re-hab work in 10 areas across 4 campgrounds (Gales Cr., Browns Camp, Reehers Camp, Elk Cr.)
- Completed construction of trailhead parking area expansion at Gales Creek Campground
- Fabricated and installed 8 forest entry point information boards
- Installed regulatory signs at 7 facilities and 2 dispersed sites
- Installed interpretive panel at Reehers Camp in the day use picnic shelter
- Installed 6 wayfinding panels at various campground and trailhead facilities

- Fabricated and installed directional trail signs at various locations on the Step Creek Trail, Wilson River Trail, Elk Creek Campground and Wilson River Wagon Road Trail
- Completed site design work the trailhead parking area expansion at Elk Creek Trailhead
- Completed tree assessment and removed hazard trees from 1 trailhead and 3 campgrounds
- Treated the Gales Creek Overlook fence
- Installed 2 bat boxes in Reehers Camp and 1 bat box in Stagecoach Horse Camp

### ***OHV Trail Projects***

- #1 Rogers Camp Road Trail - Construction of 1.72 miles of trail to improve trail connectivity and public safety.
- #7 Clydes Trail - Construction of .032 miles of trail to improve trail connectivity and public safety.
- #25 Elliott Creek Trail- Construction of 0.43 miles of trail. Re-route of trail entrance to improve trail connectivity and public safety. Conversion of .32 miles of old road grade that the trail was located on to trail to improve sustainability.
- #14 Firebreak 5 Trail - Construction of 0.04 miles of trail for a quad /motorcycle bypass.
- #22 Back to Back Trail - Construction of 2.12 miles of trail to improve trail connectivity, disperse trail use, and improve public safety.
- #4e Little Rubicon Trail - Reroute construction of 0.15 miles of trail to remove it off of BPA access road and improve trail sustainability and public safety.
- #14r Crushers Trail – Constructed a difficulty trail filter.
- #3 Crooked Bridge Trail- Completed construction of a new 300 foot long trail entrance to improve public safety.
- Upper Nestucca OHV area trail system - 1.0 mile of new construction to improve trail connectivity, public safety and sustainability.
- #19 Tomans Knob- Completed a 0.38 mile long road to trail conversion to improve flow, sustainability and trail connectivity.
- #3a Marks Trail- Completed upgrades and improvements to 0.7 miles of trail
- #45 Log Jam Trail – Completed maintenance and upgrade improvements to 0.7 miles of trail
- #13 Cedar Tree Trail – Completed restoration of 0.2 miles of trail impacted by timber sale activity
- #18 Hogs Back Trail- Completed upgrade of 0.16 miles of trail to improve trail entrance.
- #8 Julies Trail- Completed upgrade to 0.6 miles of trail.
- #8 Julies Trail – Constructed two new 35 foot long trail bridges to replace two trail bridges that were failing and that no longer met bridge design standards. Yamaha Grant funded project.

### **Trail Maintenance Accomplished**

- Completed seasonal review and assessment of over 70 miles of OHV trail in collaboration with our Adopt-a-Trail partners.
- Completed basic maintenance (log out, drainage, brushing) on 40+ miles of trail in collaboration with our trail adoptees and volunteers

- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of 13 trail bridges.

### **Other OHV projects**

- Facilitated 3 new trail adoptions and 17 existing trail adoptions.
- Administered or Co-administered 13 non-profit trail events.
- Hosted National Jeep Jamboree
- Removed a failing 68 foot long two log stringer bridge on #21 Chute trail.
- Facilitated 3 OHV trail work parties
- Trail tours with OPRD, USFS and BLM staff.
- Purchased a new Bobcat E32 compact excavator to support OHV trail program work. The purchase was funded with Recreation Trails Program grant money

### ***Non-Motorized Trail Projects***

- Completed location and design work for a 0.4 mile reroute of Gales Creek Trail
- Completed location and design work for a 0.6 mile segment of the Step Creek Trail project.
- Completed seasonal review and assessment of 60 miles of trail in collaboration with volunteers and our adopt-a-trail partners.
- Managed 8 existing Adopt a Trail agreements
- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of 45 trail bridges.
- Completed basic trail maintenance (log out, drainage, brushing) on 27 miles of trail.
- Completed repair and upgrade work on 2 miles of the Nels Rogers Trail.
- Completed upgrade work on the ¼ mile long Low Divide Loop Trail. Low Divide Loop is a barrier free trail at Gales Creek Campground.
- Constructed a railing on the 15 foot long bridge on Gales Creek Trail.
- Completed construction of a 35 foot bridge on the Nels Rogers Trail. The new bridge replaced an old bridge that was failing and no longer met standards.
- Completed construction of a 46 foot long single log stringer bridge with deck and railing on the Gravelle Brothers Trail. The new bridge replaced an old bridge that was failing and no longer met bridge design standards.
- Completed construction of 1 mile of the Step Creek Trail. Work was done primarily with volunteers.
- Hosted 7 non-motorized trail work parties focused on the construction of the Step Creek Trail.
- Completed resource specialist and review and location and site design work for a 45 foot long trail bridge that will be built on the Step Creek Trail.

### ***Miscellaneous***

- Recreation Unit staff hosted and facilitated the following tours and workshops on the district.
  - Trail program and leadership staff from the Mt Hood NF – OHV Program and 4WD Trail review
  - Washington County Law Enforcement Staff (Deputies and Leadership Staff)

- Off-Highway Vehicle program mobile workshop for the 2015 International Trail Symposium that took place in Portland in May 2015.
- ST240 Staff and Volunteer Training
- OPRD and BLM staff tours of district OHV trails

## **Tillamook State Forest—Tillamook District**

### ***Maintenance & Operations***

- Operated and maintained 5 fee campgrounds, 89 designated dispersed campsites, 4 - OHV staging areas, 3 non-motorized boat launches and multiple day use areas. This includes year round recreation facilities and three seasonal campgrounds.
- For the third year a 13 yard dumpster was deployed at the junction of Cedar Creek and North Fork Roads during the summer use season to handle the large volumes of trash generated by campers in dispersed sites and overflow from campgrounds.
- Performed forest-wide trash and abandoned property cleanup and removal. Provided Forest Deputies with documentation and evidence on multiple offensive littering violations.
- Monitored and documented long term campers who violated stay limits and served letters notifying them of overstay.
- Facilitated special use permits for Upper Trask Outfitters, Adventures Across Oregon, Sandbox Studios (Columbia Sports Wear photo shoot) and Go Beyond Racing for the annual October running event.
- Administered special use permit for Jeep Jamboree America Jeep Trip. 3 day event ran trails in Tillamook State Forest and camped at local fair grounds.
- Participated in the annual SOLV Beach and Riverside Cleanup event in September.
- Assisted administration of North Coast Travel Management Area in Gods Valley Area including sign maintenance, restocking maps at information boards, and communication with OSP Trooper.
- The hand pump well at Keenig Campground was examined for defect using a remote camera, the water was tested, and pump repaired. Keenig Campground has been without water since 2009.
- Built retaining walls on the access road to Footbridge Trailhead to preserve the road and prevent damage due to high use and large vehicles.
- Completed a CXT vault toilet roof sealing project.
- Improved fire protection by designating and signing pump chances on Ben Smith, West Fork of the North Fork, Cook Creek and Foss Road.
- Interplanted 1250 trees and did significant planting on the berms at Diamond Mill OHV Staging area.
- Participated in a week of educational activities with members of the Leave No Trace Center for Environmental Ethics. The Tillamook State Forest Wilson River Corridor was nominated and selected as a Hot Spot. It was one of 12 locations in the United States to receive Leave No Trace staff support in an effort to recover and protect the places we cherish for future generations.
- Volunteers from the Idaho University participated in an alternate spring break project. Ten volunteers spent 5 days building an access trail to the Wilson River and new trail construction on the Outback Trail.

### ***Grants***

- Astoria District and Tillamook Districts jointly applied for and received a \$57,000 grant from Land and Water Conservation Development Fund for new restrooms at Keenig Cr. Campground and new kiosk and double restroom at Lost Lake Recreation Area. The new vault toilets were installed at Keenig CG in July just after close of fiscal year.

### ***Dispersed Site Projects***

Rehabilitated and upgraded 14 existing designated dispersed on Jordan Creek Road. Improvements include elimination of unsuitable sites and sites too close to riparian areas, creation of new sites, conversion of one site to day use area, fire grate installation, additional signage was added as needed. Each site had boulders placed at active user created trail entrance to protect river from damage from trampling and vegetation damage from parked cars. Native plant species were planted and campsites river access trails were rocked to protect riverbanks and streams.

### **OHV Project Work and Event Administration Accomplished**

In December 2014 a new OHV Coordinator, Reid Brown was hired following the retirement of Dave Hiatt who had been doing the job for the last seven years. The transition was smooth and relationships and communication with the OHV community continue to be productive and positive.

### **Administered 3 OHV events in district.**

- 2 – International Six Day Enduro points events (Mt Scott M/C Devils Head, & Lobos ISDE)
- 1 – Dual Sport Run (Rat Dog Dual Sport)

### **OHV Trail Work Accomplished**

- Completed reroute of Cobmaster quad trail 1.5 miles
- Completed reroute of Radio Silence m/c trail 1.9 miles using ST240 Trail Machine
- Completed reroute of George's Trail 1 mile
- Installed boulder trail filters at Diamond Mill Staging Area where 4WD's were trying to run on quad trails.
- Performed recon, assessment and planning for retention of OHV trails in planned timbers sale areas
- Redesigned the Diamond Mill OHV Staging Area parking lot by installing berms and vegetation

### ***South Fork Trail Maintenance Accomplished***

- Brushing and hazard tree removal on 1 mile of the Coal Creek Trail.
- Opened and brushed .8 miles of the Outback trail.
- Maintained and rerouted Peninsula Trail
- Heavy brushing of Bridge Creek Trail. (.2 miles)
- Installed lift of rock on Wilson River Trail east of Jones Creek to improve drainage
- Built two river access trails at milepost 21 on Highway 6. Closed multiple user created trails.

- Conducted maintenance on 11.3 miles of the Wilson River Trail. Work included a short reroute, hazard tree removal, trail repair following winter, removal of a single log stringer bridge, trail brushing and water mitigation and drainage repair.

### **Santiam State Forest—North Cascades District**

- During the fiscal year 2015, the North Cascade District operated and maintained 4 developed camping facilities, 1 dispersed site camping area, and 6 trailheads.
- Various projects were accomplished in the campgrounds including replacing 1 picnic table, 3 sets of garbage cans, 1 horse stall, and 4 campsite markers. Two hazard trees were removed from a campsite at Rock Creek and a broken hand pump was fixed at Shellburg.
- In addition, signage at trailheads, along trails, and in campgrounds was updated and improved.
- Twenty miles of existing trails were maintained and approximately 1 mile of trail was significantly improved.
- Several boyscout troops volunteered their time to complete invasive species removal projects and trail clearing.
- OET hosted a work party at the Santiam Horse Camp and brushed and cleared 2 miles of multi-use trails.

### **Elliott State Forest—Coos District**

While the majority of the Elliott State Forest is Common School Forest land managed by ODF under contract for the State Land Board, there are some Board of Forestry lands as well. The Coos District does not have a recreation program or a budget to provide recreational benefits, however there are several optimal dispersed camping opportunities near major rivers that are frequented during summer months and hunting season.

### **Klamath-Lake District: Gilchrist State Forest, Sun Pass State Forest, and other scattered tracts:**

The primary recreation strategy in the Eastern Region Long-Range Forest Management Plan is to make District forests available for dispersed recreation. During development of the FMP, it was determined that current users value this type of opportunity because surrounding agencies and private landowners are providing a full spectrum of more developed as well as more primitive recreation opportunities.

Working with Klamath Trails Alliance ODF has permitted a scattered parcel to be used as a trailhead for a number of bike trails adjacent to State Lands.

On the Sun Pass State Forest Klamath Outdoor Science School continues to provide a recreational experience to over 350 students, teachers, and chaperones. The KOSS nature trail is maintained by ODF and continues to provide educational benefits to the users. The district is currently working



with the Gilchrist High School on plans to construct a nature/educational trail from the high school to the top of Crescent Butte.

Salem staff prepared a recreation assessment of the Gilchrist State Forest indicating moderate to significant potential for recreation development and use. The work was done in support of the acquisition process, which culminated with purchase of the Gilchrist tract lands and dedication of the new state forest in June of 2010.

### **West Oregon District**

The district has active Adopt-A-Trial agreements with the Mt. Baber ATV Club and the Black Rock Mountain Bike Association. These groups are responsible for the maintenance of the Mt Baber ATV trails and Black Rock mountain bike trails. Over the past year no new trails or facilities were constructed in the Black Rock or Mt. Baber ATV areas. Total volunteer hours were associated with maintaining the current infrastructure.