

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Board of Forestry Recreation Accomplishments (FY 2017)

Table 1: Summary of Volunteer Hours for Recreation Projects FY 2017

	Tillamook State Forest - Forest Grove District	Tillamook State Forest - Tillamook District	Clatsop State Forest	Santiam State Forest	West Oregon District
Total Hours	4,108	3,744	1,191	401	2,100

Table 2: Trail Project Summary for FY 2017

Activity	Tillamook State Forest		Clatsop State Forest	Santiam State Forest	West Oregon District
	Forest Grove District	Tillamook District	Astoria District	North Cascade District	
OHV Trails (Existing)	113.3 miles	307 miles	30 miles	6 miles	4.8 miles
New Trails Construction	2.5 miles	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	0 miles	12.1 miles	3 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trails Maintained	113.3 miles	43 miles	30 miles	0 miles	4.8 miles
Non-Motorized Trails (Existing)	66 miles	20.8 miles	21 miles	26 miles	9.5 miles
New Trails Construction	.5 miles	0 miles	0 miles	.5 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	0 miles	0 miles	0.3 miles	.25 miles	2.5 miles
Trails Maintained	60 miles	5 miles	21 miles	13 miles	7.0 miles

Table 3: Number of Campers and Revenue from Campgrounds during FY 2017

Campground	District/Campsites	Campers	Visitor Nights	Revenue
Henry Rierson Spruce Run	Astoria/38 sites	10,137	10,137	\$56,308
Gnat Creek	Astoria/4 sites	1,360	1,360	\$5,646
Northrup Creek	Astoria/11 sites	601	601	\$3,798
Beaver Eddy	Astoria/8 sites	1,621	1,621	\$5,338
Gales Creek	Forest Grove/19 sites	3,080	5,265	\$24,743
Brown's Camp	Forest Grove /30 sites	4,109	8,425	\$34,297
Stage Coach Horse Camp	Forest Grove/10 sites	132	257	\$1,467
Elk Creek	Forest Grove/14 sites	1,943	3,140	\$8,479
Reehers Camp	Forest Grove/17 sites	696	1,125	\$5,855

Rock Creek	North Cascade/3 sites	75	124	\$439
Butte Creek Falls	North Cascade/3 sites	138	184	\$905
Santiam Horse Camp	North Cascade/12 sites	136	280	\$1,710
Shellburg Falls	North Cascade/7 sites	254	415	\$1,742
Jones Creek	Tillamook/44 sites	5,911	10,773	\$46,413
Jordan Creek	Tillamook/6 sites	330	654	\$3,295
Nehalem Falls	Tillamook/21 sites	3,032	5,107	\$27,597
Keenig Creek	Tillamook/12 sites	1,790	2,625	\$9,224
Diamond Mill	Tillamook/15 sites	1,515	2,545	\$5,250
Total	274 campsites	36,860 campers	54,638	\$242,506

Recreation Facility Planning and Development Projects

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 2017.

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, and planting of native trees, plants, and shrubs.
- 1,000 hours of volunteer camp hosting.
- FY17 revenues from firewood sales program was \$8,824.
- Completed 1,400 feet trail rerouting of the Spruce Run Creek Trail to move the trail out of its annually flood damaged location in a riparian area to a new location further upslope.
- Removed damaged and decayed wooden steps from walk-in tent area and created new user access trails and a launching area for small paddle craft as part of the project work for the LWCF grant.
- Installed a new trailhead information kiosk for Spruce Run Creek Trailhead
- Built a new wooden rail fence around Sites 7 and 8 to improve visitor safety and help with hillside erosion control.
- Added additional overflow parking sites near the flush toilet building.
- Installed new five yard dumpster at the walk-in tent site area.

Beaver Eddy Campground

- Continued improvements to camping infrastructure through rocking and hardening of sites.
- Improved campsites 1 and 8 to make campsites, tables and fire grates up to current ADA code standards as part of the project work for the LWCF grant.
- Installed a new five yard dumpster on site.

Gnat Creek Campground

- Continued improvements to camping infrastructure including drainage, campsites and rail fence repairs.

Northrup Creek Horse Camp and Trail

- Cleared trails of brush and fallen timber, worked on improving trail drainage issues, and changing trail conditions.
- Worked on improving trail signage.
- Scouted possible trail reroutes to bypass riparian areas that incur annual winter flooding due to multiple beaver dams.
- 367 hours of volunteer camp hosting. FY17 revenues from firewood sales program was \$235.

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

- Vacated and Rerouted 250 feet of lake access trail on south end to improve accessibility for physically challenged visitors.
- Continued to monitor and maintain facilities and trails.

Astoria District Demonstration Forest and Wellness Trail

- Continued to maintain trail infrastructure and kept trail surfacing clear of vegetation.
- Began work to refresh and update informational signs.

Soapstone Lake Trail

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

Bloom Lake Trail

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

Spruce Run Creek/Gnat Creek /Big Tree Trails

- Cleared trails of brush and windthrow that resulted from winter storms.
- Rerouted two small segments of trail damaged by large uprooted trees.

Nicolai Mountain OHV Riding Area

- Installed temporary re-routes around trail locations damaged over the winter.
- Flagged in permanent re-routes for trail locations damaged over the winter and altered due to timber sales.
- Continued to maintain the trail infrastructure.
- Coordinated cross district trail repair projects.

Tillamook State Forest—Forest Grove District

Developed Facility Operations, Improvements, and Dispersed Site Projects

Projects were focused on addressing safety and sanitation, reducing maintenance need, and improving sustainability of infrastructure.

- Operated and maintained 5 developed fee-campgrounds, eleven day use facilities and more than 30 dispersed site camping areas
- Installed a new forest entry sign (Entering Tillamook State Forest) at the eastern edge of the forest along Highway 6. New sign replaced a failing sign and frame.
- Fabricated and installed 14 new picnic tables at Elk Creek Campground. New tables replaced failing tables
- Fabricated and installed 1 new picnic table in the host site at Gales Creek Campground. New table replaced a failing table.
- Recycled 15 used picnic tables either as whole tables or as part resources for use in Tillamook and Santiam districts
- Installed dimensional lumber information board at Cochran Pond as a resource to inform and educate the public about the status of the Salmonberry Railroad and the Salmonberry Trail project
- Completed inventory of over 300 target shooting locations on the district.
- Designed and constructed four recreational target shooting lanes to accommodate firearms use.
- Installed dimensional lumber information boards at the N. Fork Wolf Creek shooting sites
- Painted the exteriors of the bathrooms in Rogers Camp and Browns Camp Day Use area
- Installed 7 metal toilet paper roll holders in the bathrooms at Kings Mountain Trailhead, Elk Creek Campground, Gales Creek Day Use Area, Reehers Camp Day Use Area, and Rogers Camp Trailhead. New holders were installed to reduce costs and improve safety and sanitation.
- Removed 2016/2017 winter storm debris and hazard trees from Reehers Camp, Browns Camp and Gales Creek Campground and Trailhead facilities. This was a significant project.
- Completed winter storm damage site rehab, restoration, and planting work at Rogers Camp Trailhead and at Reehers Camp, Browns Camp, Gales Creek Campground and Trailhead facilities.
- Completed stream enhancement and stream bank protection work at Gales Creek Campground.
- Completed fabrication and installation of a Salmonberry Railroad information board and regulatory signs at Salmonberry Railroad points of entry.

OHV Trail Projects

The Forest Grove District OHV program provides and maintains Class I (quad), II (4WD), III (MC), and IV (SidexSide) trails.

Tillamook State Forest—Tillamook District

Maintenance and Operations

- Operated and maintained all campground dispersed camping areas, OHV staging areas and day use area. This includes year round recreation facilities and three seasonal campground.
- Administered 7 special use permits.
 - 1 photo shoot
 - 4 guide permits
 - 2 running events
- New Tillamook State Forest entry signs installed on Hwy 6

- Installation of a new theft-proof fee receptacle at Jones Creek.
- Site improvements at Diamond Mill OHV Staging Area to improve drainage, relocate Kid's Track, provide resource protection, reduce pit riding, and provide additional day use parking.
- Replacement of the hand rail on the Wilson River Trail Bridge at Jones Creek Campground. Project included the harvest, peeling and cutting of all poles.
- Bridge Creek Falls Trail bank stabilization
- Coal Creek reroute.
- Bridge footing repair to rock retaining walls on the Wilson River Trail Bridge at Jones Creek Campground following a high water event.
- Trail maintenance and brushing conducted on the Wilson River Trail, Peninsula Trail, Cedar Butte Trail, and on the trail at Nehalem Falls Campground.
- Facilitated a week of trail work projects for volunteers from the University of Idaho for the second year.
- A contractor was used to replace a decaying railroad tie retaining walls at sites A0 and B1 in Jones Creek Campground.

Grants

- Grant approved for vault toilet at Morrison Eddy.
- Grant approved for 3 new trail bridges on the Wilson River trail. One bridge completed.
- Submitted grant for Wilson River Trail reroute to move it away from the river bank that is eroding the trail. .

OHV Project Work and Event Administration Accomplished

Administered 6 OHV Events

OHV Trail Work Accomplished

- Diamond Mill Staging Area Improvement Construction
 - Added additional parking and camping opportunities
 - Reengineered entire site drainage schematic with grading, ditching, and construction of 5 French drains
 - Removed hazard trees from camping area to ensure public safety and allow more sunlight into site
 - Created OHV event staging site for better organization during busy event season
- 5 Mile reroute of Cedar Ridge Trail, bypassing one-way downhill sections, and nearly 3 miles of gravel road previously used for OHV travel to reach the next trail.
- Completed general trail maintenance on approximately 50 miles of trail.
- ODF Staff oversaw 3 volunteer work parties resulting in nearly 10 miles of trail maintenance completed
- Completed .5 miles of trail damage repair which resulted from the winter storms.

South Fork Trail Maintenance Accomplished

- Completed basic maintenance (log out, drainage, brushing) on 30 miles of trail in collaboration with South Fork inmate crews.

Santiam State Forest—North Cascades District

During the fiscal year 2017, the North Cascade District operated and maintained 4 developed camping areas, 1 dispersed camping area, and 6 trailheads.

Various projects were accomplished in the recreation areas including:

- Replacing picnic tables, garbage cans, horse stalls, kiosks, campsite markers and signs as needed.
- Hazard tree removal from Shellburg and Butte Creek Campgrounds.
- Improvements and a new half mile trail was built at the Shellburg Falls mountain bike trail system by the Cascadia Trail Crew.
- Chemeketan's Trail Crew completed several trail improvement projects at Shellburg Falls.
- The Monument Peak trail system improvements to fix drainage issues.
- The district has been in discussion with a new volunteer group, Crooked Finger Trail Riders to maintain the 6 miles of OHV trails on the Crooked Finger Road.
- The National Association of the Deaf continues to hold an event in the summer at Rock Creek Campground.
- Run Wild holds an event in the fall at Shellburg Falls.

Elliott State Forest—Coos District

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 were constructed in the Black Rock or Mt. Baber ATV areas. Total volunteer hours were associated with maintaining the current infrastructure.