

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Board of Forestry Recreation Accomplishments (FY 2018)

Table 1: Summary of Volunteer Hours for Recreation Projects FY 2018

	Tillamook State Forest - Forest Grove District	Tillamook State Forest - Tillamook District	Clatsop State Forest	Santiam State Forest	West Oregon District
Total Hours	5,350	5,077	861	168	1,950

Table 2: Trail Project Summary for FY 2018

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)	111 miles	307 miles	30 miles	6 miles	4.2 miles
New Trails Construction	2.61 miles	4.8 miles	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	0 miles	3 miles	.1 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trails Maintained	111 miles	53.7 miles	30 miles	0 miles	4.2 miles
Non-Motorized Trails (Existing)	66 miles	20.8 miles	21 miles	25.5 miles	9.5 miles
New Trails Construction	.5 miles	0	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	.5 miles	0	0.9 miles	.5 miles	3 miles
Trails Maintained	60 miles	19 miles	21 miles	22 miles	9.5 miles

Table 3: Number of Campers and Revenue from Campgrounds during FY 2018

Campground	District/Campsites	Campers	Visitor Nights	Revenue
Henry Rierson Spruce Run	Astoria/38 sites	10,215	10,215	\$61,477
Gnat Creek	Astoria/4 sites	1,088	1,088	\$6,201
Northrup Creek	Astoria/11 sites	761	761	\$4,377
Beaver Eddy	Astoria/8 sites	1,107	1,107	\$4,050
Gales Creek	Forest Grove/19 sites	3,477	5,972	\$30,307
Brown's Camp	Forest Grove /30 sites	4,633	7,703	\$35,920
Stage Coach Horse Camp	Forest Grove/10 sites	96	180	\$1,065
Elk Creek	Forest Grove/14 sites	2,859	4,552	\$16,425
Reehers Camp	Forest Grove/17 sites	907	1,487	\$6,515
Rock Creek	North Cascade/3 sites	107	185	\$804
Butte Creek Falls	North Cascade/3 sites	157	409	\$1244
Santiam Horse Camp	North Cascade/12 sites	144	273	\$1,806
Shellburg Falls	North Cascade/7 sites	305	626	\$2,143
Jones Creek	Tillamook/44 sites	6,167	11,405	\$51,323

Jordan Creek	Tillamook/6 sites	408	923	\$3,895
Nehalem Falls	Tillamook/21 sites	3,214	6,115	\$33,209
Keenig Creek	Tillamook/12 sites	2,317	3,229	\$13,522
Diamond Mill	Tillamook/15 sites	1,290	2,282	\$4,370
Cedar Creek	Tillamook/25 sites	507	1,036	\$1,820
Morrison Eddy	Tillamook/6 sites	82	106	\$480
North Fork Wilson	Tillamook/7 sites	170	352	\$620
Total	312 campsites	40,011 campers	60,006	\$281,573

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 2018.

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.
- Over 500 hours of volunteer camp hosting.
- FY18 revenues from firewood sales program was \$6,383
- Installed new kiosk at the walk-in tent site.
- Installed a double vault toilet at walk-in tent site, grant project.

Beaver Eddy Campground

- Continued improvements to camping infrastructures through rocking and hardening of sites.
- Installed a double vault toilet in parking area, grant project.

Gnat Creek Campground

- Replaced old rail fence with new fence made of chain-link and treated wood.
- Restored an additional campsite to get closer to the original number of 6 sites for the campground. There are now 5 sites.
- Continued improvements to camping infrastructures.
- Removed the garbage cans due to misuse and shifted to a pack-it-in, pack-it-out system.

Northrup Creek Horse Camp and Trail

- Converted campground to online reservations only using Reserve America. This is a two year trial using OPRD's contract with Reserve America.
- Installed electric motor on hand pump for easier water samples and treatment
- Thinned areas around the campground to increase useable area and vistas.
- Installed a new kiosk at the day use area.
- Updated the campsite sign.
- 380 hours of volunteer camp hosting.

- Worked with Oregon Equestrian Trails user group to install an obstacle course for horses.

Dispersed and Designated Recreation Sites

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

Lost Lake Recreation Area

- Continued to monitor and maintain facilities and trails.

Astoria District Demonstration Forest Trail

- Continued to maintain trail infrastructure and kept trail surfacing clear of vegetation.
- Continued work to refresh and update informational signs.
- Installed a larger dog waste bin to keep up with use.
- Installed 3 picture post signs to monitor vegetation using visitor provided data.

Soapstone Lake Trail

- Cleared trail of brush and windthrow that resulted from winter storms.
- Continued to maintain trail infrastructure and kept trail surfacing clear of vegetation.

Bloom Lake Trail

- Cleared trails of brush and windthrow that resulted from winter storms.
- Continued to maintain trail infrastructure and kept trail surfacing clear of vegetation.
- Identified spur road to be closed that provided unwanted access to lake.

Spruce Run Creek Trail

- Cleared trails of brush and windthrow that resulted from winter storms.
- Continued to maintain trail infrastructure and kept trail surfacing clear of vegetation.

Gnat Creek Trail

- Cleared trails of brush and windthrow that resulted from winter storms.
- Continued to maintain trail infrastructure and kept trail surfacing clear of vegetation.
- Continued regular maintenance on the trail.
- Installed kiosk at trailhead.

Big Tree Trail

- Cleared trails of brush and windthrow that resulted from winter storms.
- Installed permanent reroute on north section of trail that was impacted during winter creek floods.
- The new reroute created open areas for benches and additional viewing of large trees.
- Continued to maintain trail infrastructure and kept trail surfacing clear of vegetation.
- Cleared trails of brush and fallen timber, worked on improving trail drainage issues, and changing trail conditions.
- Worked on improving trail signage.

Nicolai Mountain OHV Riding Area

- Installed permanent reroute on Trunk Line trail due to abusive use of previous section of trail.
- Continued to maintain the trail infrastructure.

Viewpoint Campground

- Installed two signs to direct visitors from Nicolai mainline road to the campground.
- Improved the campsite markers.
- Continued to maintain the campgrounds to rehab abuse.
Removed the garbage cans due to little use and shifted to a pack-it-in, pack-it-out system.

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, twelve day use facilities and more than 30 dispersed site camping areas
- Operated and maintained 4 target shooting lanes in collaboration with our target shooting community partners
- Replaced the Reehers Camp site B1 safety fence
- Completed the University Falls Trailhead expansion project that added parking for 12 more vehicles to the site.
- Completed fabrication of a single panel information board for the University Falls Trailhead expansion project.
- Installed interpreted sign frames and signs at Rogers Camp Trailhead. Signs help tell the story about the burn, recovery, and dedication of the Tillamook State Forest.
- Fabricated and installed 4 single panel information boards that replaced old and failing information board structures at Reehers Camp, Elk Creek Campground, and Sunset Rest Area.
- Completed work to maintain the viewpoint at Gales Creek Overlook.
- Completed door, hinge, window, frame, and clean-out cover repair and maintenance work on 15 toilet buildings.
- Constructed two single vault toilet buildings at Stagecoach Horsecamp to replace two old buildings that were failing.
- Completed planning work necessary to reduce infrastructure investment and maintenance costs and improve facility infrastructure sustainability at all campgrounds.
- Completed planning and design work for development of new target shooting lane area.
- Completed stream enhancement and stream bank protection work at Gales Creek Campground.
- Completed dispersed site improvement work at the Chicken Camp dispersed sites. Work addressed resource impact and staff safety issues.
- Completed site feasibility and initial scoping work for the Kings Mountain Trailhead expansion project.
- Completed planning and design work for modification to Elk Creek Campground sites 7 and 8 in response to winter storm damage.
- Designed, fabricated, and installed new OHV trail guide map panels at Browns Camp and Rogers Camp
- Designed, fabricated, and installed 5 new non-motorized trail map panels at district trailhead facilities.

OHV Trail Projects

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

Project Work Accomplished

Trail Construction- projects focused on improving trail system connectivity and sustainability, improving public safety and reducing resource impacts, maintenance need, and user conflict. 2018 winter storm impacts limited progress on project work during the winter months.

- Island Trail- 1.17 miles of new construction to improve system connectivity
- #22 Back to Back trail - .58 miles of new trail construction to improve trail system connectivity
- Kids Sand Pile play area- .26 miles of new construction to improve riding opportunities for youth and beginner riders
- Completion of construction of a 35' long glu-lam stringer bridge on Chute Trail to replace an outdated and damaged bridge due to winter storm damage. Bridge funded by a RTP grant.
- Completed location and design work for phase 1 of the Powerline Trail Reroute project.

Trail Maintenance – Projects focused on protecting investment and reducing resource impacts.

- Completed winter storm damage (Logout and clearing maintenance) and general maintenance on the entire OHV trail network (111 miles)
- Completed assessment and monitoring of entire OHV trail network (111 miles)
- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of 13 trail bridges

Miscellaneous OHV Program Activities and Accomplishments

- OHV Specialist attended the Oregon Parks and Recreation Law enforcement Conference
- OHV program staff attended and presented at the Annual Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association Region 3 Meeting
- Completed planning, design, and permit application work for the Elliott Creek Trailbridge
- Managed 19 Adopt a Trail agreements
- Event Administration
- 11 local club and trail use events
- Administered the Annual National Jeep Jamboree event through a Special Use Permit process
- Administered 3 special use permits for commercial marketing and entertainment
- Fabricated and installed a water tank and pump assembly for OHV program staff to use on trail equipment
- Facilitated auction with DAS Surplus of old OHV equipment (motorcycles and quads) to purchase new off-road motorcycles for the OHV program staff and reduce equipment maintenance need.
- Purchased new truck and lift bed for OHV program staff
- Awarded RTP grant funding for Elliott Creek Bridge replacement in FY2019
- RTP and ATV Fund grant adjustments (shift in equipment purchase, submittal of Buy America waiver, ATV grant extensions) to purchase new Morooka rock hauler.
- Maintained the following OHV program equipment
 - Dump Truck
 - 3 heavy equipment trailers

- -2015 Bobcat E32 compact excavator
- -2017 Bobcat E32 compact excavator
- -Sweco Trail dozer
- Two Trail motorcycles
- -One quad and one 6x6 Utility ATV
- -Morooka Rock Hauler

Non-Motorized Trail Projects

The Forest Grove District provides and maintains trails for hiking, running, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Projects focused on improving trail system sustainability, improving public safety, and reducing resource impacts, maintenance need, and user conflict.

- Completed construction of a new 40 foot long glu-lam stringer bridge on the Wilson River Trail.
- Completed construction a seasonal bridge across Elk Creek on the Wilson River Trail. This bridge was installed to provide access across the creek from spring to fall. It will be removed in the winter months and re-installed the next spring.
- Constructed a safety railing on Wilson River Trail bridge #2 to meet current code requirements.
- Completed a 0.5 mile reroute of Gales Creek Trail segment A
- Replaced Bridge #2 on Dooly Spur Trail with a culvert.
- Completed trail location and design work for the 0.8 mile reroute on the Nels Rogers Trail
- Completed planning work associated with the Gravelle Brothers Trail reroute and the Gales Creek Trail segment B reroute projects.
- Hosted 3 volunteer work parties focused on completing construction of Step Creek Loop Trail.
- Facilitated several hundred hours of volunteer trail construction work on two reroutes that are taking place on Gales Creek Trail segment A.

Trail Maintenance – Maintenance work focused on protecting investment and reducing resource impacts.

- Completed winter storm damage (logout and clearing maintenance) on the entire network
- Completed planning and design work to replace the Low Divide Loop Trail bridge #1
- Completed assessment and monitoring of entire non-motorized trail network.
- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of 40 trail bridges.
- Managed eight existing adopt a trail agreements for the non-motorized trail system.

Miscellaneous Recreation Program Activities

- Recreation staff presented at the Washington Department of Natural Resources Recreation program conference.
- Recreation staff participated and presented at the Trash No Land fund raising event.
- Recreation staff participated and presented at the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges Meeting.
- Recreation program staff hosted and facilitated OHV trail tours with OPRD staff on the Tillamook State
- District Recreation Unit staff provided support to USFS, WA DNR, and Washington County Parks and Recreation staff regarding trail and recreation facility design and management and target shooting area design.

- Facilitated the 2018 SOLVE trash clean-up event on the Tillamook State Forest. This was the 26th year in a row that the district has hosted a SOLVE clean-up event.
- Recreation Unit staff participated in the Recreation Interpretation, and Education business improvement project work led by the State Forest Division
- Completed Recreation Unit AOP and participated in AOP review of Marketing, Roads, and Reforestation AOP activities.
- Completed a Washington County Visitors Association Grant Application and was awarded a \$7,165.36 grant to fund replacement of Low Divide Loop Trail Bridge #1
- Maintained the Tillamook State Forest Blog
- Non-motorized Trail Use Event Administration
 - Administered two long distance trail running event races (50 kilometer race and a 20 mile race) through a Special Use Permit process. Each event had 150 participants.

Tillamook State Forest—Tillamook District

Maintenance and Operations

- Operated and maintained all campgrounds, designated dispersed sites, OHV staging areas and day use areas. This includes year round recreation facilities and three seasonal campgrounds.
- Administered 7 special use permits.
 - 2 photo shoots
 - 3 guide permits
 - 2 running events
- Installed new site signs at Jones Creek Campground, Nehalem Falls Campground, Jordan Creek OHV Campground, and Equestrian Trailhead.
- Installed a new two panel kiosk at Jordan Creek OHV Campground.
- Installed of new theft-proof fee receptacles at Keenig Creek Campground, Nehalem Falls Campground and Equestrian Trailhead.
- Initiated fee collection at Cedar Creek and North Fork Wilson Designated Campsites.
- Installed new information boards at Jones Creek Day Use Area, Cedar Butte Bridge, Keenig Trailhead and the OHV staging area at the junction of Highway 6 and Jordan Creek Road.
- Installed one trail bridge on the Coal Creek Trail.
- Installed two bridges on the Wilson River Trail with RTP grant funds.
- Installed a vault toilet at Morrison Eddy Campground with LWCF grant funds.
- Trail maintenance and brushing conducted on the Wilson River Trail, Peninsula Trail, Cedar Butte Trail, Outback Trail, and Nehalem Falls Campground Trail.
- Facilitated a week of trail work projects for volunteers from the University of Idaho participating in the Alternative Spring Break Program.

Grants

- RTP grant approved for the replacement of two OHV Trail Bridges: Spaur Creek in Tillamook District and Eliot Creek in Forest Grove District.

OHV Project Work and Event Administration Accomplished

Administered 6 OHV Events

OHV Trail Work Accomplished

- Constructed 4.8 miles of OHV trail on the Muesial-Cedar Butte OHV Trail.
- Improved 3 miles of trail: Cedar Ridge and Archer's Firebreak OHV Trail.
- Decommissioned 2 miles of Meusial Ridge OHV Trail after completing the Meusial-Cedar Butte reroute.
- Completed general trail maintenance on approximately 53.7 miles of trail.
- Held the first annual Single Track Trail Day with 40 volunteers contributing 208 hours to clearing OHV trails.
- Administered three OMRA/ODF work parties.
- OHV volunteer events contributed to more than 16 miles of OHV trail maintenance with a total of 131 volunteers contributing 822 hours to the OHV program.

Santiam State Forest—North Cascades District

North Cascade District operates and maintains 4 developed camping areas, 1 dispersed camping area, and 6 trailheads.

A variety of projects and events took place in the recreation program over the past fiscal year including:

- Reconstruction of one horse stall at the Santiam Horse Camp by a local Boy Scout troop.
- Trail drainage improvements continued along sections of the Monument Peak trail system which were accomplished through the use of inmate labor crews.
- Within the Shellburg Recreation Area, our mountain bike volunteer group Cascadia Trail Alliance is exploring a potential new trail route which will provide a loop back to the top of the free-ride take starting point.
- National Association of the Deaf continued to hold their annual Youth Leadership Camp at the Rock Creek Recreation Area for approximately 100 youth.
- Run Wild held their annual trail run event at the Shellburg Falls Recreation Area.

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. Two additional trails will be constructed through this State Parcel.
- 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 volunteers have completed construction of 3 additional Yurts, a Bathroom facility, and a Pavilion, to be used as a Kitchen and meeting area.
- 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.

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.