

# RECREATION MANAGEMENT

## Board of Forestry Recreation Accomplishments (FY 2020)

**Table 1: Summary of Volunteer Hours for Recreation Projects FY 2020**

	Tillamook State Forest - Forest Grove District	Tillamook State Forest - Tillamook District	Clatsop State Forest	Santiam State Forest	West Oregon District
Total Hours	3,477	3,347	1,073	346	871

**Table 2: Trail Project Summary for FY 2020**

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>	115 miles	314 miles	30 miles	6 miles	4.2 miles
New Trails Construction	1.7 miles	6 miles	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	2 miles	5.2	3 miles	2 miles	1 miles
Trails Maintained	115 miles	97 miles	30 miles	6 miles	4.2 miles
<b>Non-Motorized Trails (Existing)</b>	66 miles	20.8 miles	21 miles	26 miles	9.5 miles
New Trails Construction	1.5 miles	.31 miles	0 miles	1 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	0 miles	.5 miles	0 miles	1 miles	0.5 miles
Trails Maintained	66 miles	19 miles	21 miles	21.5 miles	9.5 miles

**Table 3: Number of Campers and Revenue from Campgrounds during FY 2020**

Campground	District/Campsites	Campers	Visitor Nights	Revenue
Henry Rierson Spruce Run	Astoria/38 sites	3,285	6,798	38,362
Gnat Creek	Astoria/5 sites	613	1,067	5,860
Northrup Creek	Astoria/11 sites	547	1,247	3,620
Beaver Eddy	Astoria/8 sites	444	1,152	4,950
Viewpoint	Astoria/4	129	246	1,246
Gales Creek	Forest Grove/19 sites	1,869	3,040	\$18,073
Brown's Camp	Forest Grove /30 sites	2,146	3,833	\$22,043
Stage Coach Horse Camp	Forest Grove/10 sites	64	69	\$755
Elk Creek	Forest Grove/14 sites	1,327	2,121	\$9,693

Reehers Camp	Forest Grove/17 sites	524	724	\$5,357
Rock Creek	North Cascade/3 sites	0	0	0
Butte Creek Falls	North Cascade/3 sites	123	230	\$883
Santiam Horse Camp	North Cascade/12 sites	102	205	\$1,525
Shellburg Falls	North Cascade/7 sites	299	720	\$2,291
Jones Creek	Tillamook/44 sites	3,681	7,902	\$38,895
Jordan Creek	Tillamook/6 sites	339	659	\$3,159
Nehalem Falls	Tillamook/21 sites	2,247	3,965	\$23,394
Keenig Creek	Tillamook/12 sites	966	1,701	\$7,857
Diamond Mill	Tillamook/15 sites	1,053	2,000	\$3,283
Cedar Creek	Tillamook/25 sites	2,190	5,296	\$9,560
Morrison Eddy	Tillamook/6 sites	249	476	\$2,078
North Fork Wilson	Tillamook/7 sites	483	1,078	\$1,886
<b>Total</b>	<b>306 campsites</b>	<b>22,680 campers</b>	<b>44,529</b>	<b>\$204,770</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 2020.

### **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.
- Removed several danger trees.

##### ***Beaver Eddy Campground***

- Continued improvements to camping infrastructures through rocking and hardening of sites.
- Installed rock and wood wall to replace dirt mounds to block cars from entering campground.
- Removed several danger trees.
- Improved individual sites by creating more space for tents and creating privacy screens.

##### ***Gnat Creek Campground and Trail***

- Continued improvements to camping infrastructures.

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

- Thinned areas around the campground to increase useable area and vistas.

- Improvements to Big Tree Trail
- Met with representative to measure the large trees on Big Tree Trail. Likely state champions.

#### ***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 and Wellness Trail***

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

#### ***Soapstone Lake Trail***

- Met with users and began establishing an adopt-a-trail agreement.

#### ***Bloom Lake Trail***

- Cleared trails of brush that resulted from winter storms.
- Continued to maintain trail infrastructure and kept trail surfacing clear of vegetation.
- Put up signage to reduce access to lake by vehicle.

#### ***Spruce Run Creek Trail***

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

#### ***Gnat Creek Trail***

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

#### ***Big Tree Trail***

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

#### ***Nicolai Mountain OHV Riding Area***

- Began development and outreach for trail improvement/expansion plan.

#### ***Viewpoint Campground***

- Continued to maintain campground.

## **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, 16 day use facilities and more than 30 dispersed site camping areas.
- Operated and maintained 4 designated target shooting lanes in collaboration with our target shooting community partners
- Replaced log rail fencing at Gales Creek Overlook.
- Conducted campground vegetation management at all sites and facilities
- Conducted campground closure work at Gales Creek Campground, Browns Camp Campground, and Reehers Camp Campground. Elk Creek Campground and Stagecoach Campground are open year-round.
- Conducted campground opening work in the Spring of 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic campgrounds were either delayed in opening or did not open for the Calendar Year (CY) 2020 season. Browns Camp Campground, Gales Creek Campground and Reehers Camp did not open for the CY 2020 season. Elk Creek Campground and Stagecoach Horse Camp had a delayed CY 2020 season opening.
- Completed hazard tree review and assessment at all campground and day use facilities.
- Completed hazard tree removal at Gales Creek Campground.
- Completed construction of the upper Raven Ridge Trailhead
- Fabricated and installed forest entry information boards on McGregor and South Fork Roads.
- Fabricated three forest entry signs to replace old and failing forest entry signs on Highway 26. Signs to be installed in FY21. Forest entry signs welcome people to the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests.
- Completed design work for the Kings Mountain Trailhead expansion project. Design work was completed on contract by a landscape architecture design firm in Portland called GreenWorks.
- Grants
  - Submitted a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application requesting \$370,000 to support expansion of Kings Mountain Trailhead. The application has been recommended for award at \$412,000. Pending final approval at the federal level
  - Submitted a Tillamook County Transient Lodging Tax Community Grant program application requesting \$60,000 to support expansion of Kings Mountain Trailhead. The application has been approved and awarded at \$60,000.
  - Submitted an International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Trail Accelerator Grant application requesting \$15,000 to cover 50% of the cost to fund an IMBA Trail Solutions Team to complete trail location and design work for a 4 mile segment of the Wilson River Trail. Grant has been approved and awarded.

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

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

Trail Construction- projects focused on improving trail system connectivity and sustainability, improving public safety and reducing resource impacts, maintenance need, and user conflict. 2019 winter storm impacts limited progress on project work during the winter months.

- Fire Break 5 Trail extension- .2 miles of new construction to improve system connectivity and reduce forest road use.
- Powerline Trail Re-route- 1.5 miles of new construction to improve system connectivity and reduce public use on BPA access roads.

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

- Completed winter storm damage work (logout and clearing) and general maintenance on the entire OHV trail network (115 miles).
- Completed assessment and monitoring of the entire OHV trail network (115 miles).
- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of 14 OHV trail bridges
- Performed trail hardening work on #13 Cedar Tree Trail, #22 Back to Back Trail, and #1 Rogers Camp Road Trail

Miscellaneous OHV Program Activities and Accomplishments

- Administered 4 local club trail use events
- Managed 20 existing Adopt-A-Trail agreements and added 3 new trail adoptions
- Administered 2 Special Use Permits for commercial trail use activity.
- Administered the permit for the annual National Jeep Jamboree event. .
- Administered an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ATV Grant to purchase (2) heavy equipment trailers to replace (2) old existing trailers and to purchase a rock hammer for use on OHV program mini-excavators.
- Administered the design and printing of the Tillamook State Forest Off-Highway Vehicle Map
- OHV Program Staff attended and presented at the Annual Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association Region 3 meeting
- Completed trail system planning for the Nicolai OHV trail system
- Tour of the Mt. Baber OHV system and began the planning stages of constructing a Motorcycle /ATV trail to minimize forest road use from staging area onto the trail system.
- Tour and assessment of the Crooked Finger OHV area
- Participated in 2 ATV Advisory Committee meetings addressing new ATV laws and current statewide issues
- Completed 2020 Event Calendar date allocation
- Maintained the following OHV program equipment
  - 10 yd Dump Truck
  - 3 heavy equipment trailers
  - 2 mini-excavators
  - Sweco trail dozer
  - 2 trail motorcycles
  - 1 quad and 1 6x6 utility ATV
  - 2 Morooka Rock Haulers

***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. Project work in FY20 was primarily focused on maintenance activity to protect investment and reduce resource impacts.

#### Trail Maintenance

- Completed assessment and monitoring of the entire non-motorized trail network.(66 miles).
- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of 35 trail bridges.
- Completed winter storm damage (logout and clearing maintenance) on the entire network (66 miles)
- Completed trail tread and brushing maintenance on 35 miles of trail.
- Managed eight existing Adopt-A-Trail agreements for the non-motorized trail system.
- Installed the seasonal trail bridge across Elk Creek on the Wilson River Trail. It is removed in each year in the fall and re-installed in the spring. It is modified as necessary to account for yearly changes in the stream channel.
- Hosted volunteer work parties focused on completing trail maintenance activities

#### Trail Location and Design

- Completed location and design work for a 1.5 mile segment of the Fear and Loaming downhill mountain bike trail. Work was done in collaboration with our mountain bike community partners.
- Completed planning and initial location work for a 2.5 mile segment of the Fear and Loaming downhill mountain bike trail. Work was done in collaboration with our mountain bike community partners.

#### Trail Construction

- Completed construction of a 1.5 mile segment of the Fear and Loaming downhill mountain bike trail.

#### ***Miscellaneous Recreation Program Activities***

- Recreation staff presented at the annual Oregon Trails Summit.
- 2020 SOLVE trash clean-up event on the Tillamook State Forest was canceled due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Completed Recreation Unit AOP and participated in AOP review of Marketing, Roads, and Reforestation AOP activities.
- Recreation staff facilitated ongoing training and supervision of the Tillamook State Forest Volunteer Trail Patrol program.
- Completed
- Maintained the Tillamook State Forest Blog and supported ODF website management associated with public use and Recreation management activities.
- Completed a code and design update of ODF's standard trail bridge design plans. Project was completed in partnership with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the work was completed on contract by a design firm from Portland called Peterson Structural Engineers.
- Facilitated engineering firm inspections of 14 trail bridges.
- Facilitated recruitment efforts for campground hosts volunteers.

## Tillamook State Forest—Tillamook District

### **Maintenance and Operations**

- Operated and maintained all campgrounds, designated campsite sites, OHV staging areas, trailheads, and day use areas. This includes three seasonal campgrounds. All other facilities are open year round.
- Collected fees at eight sites: Jones Creek Campground, Nehalem Falls Campground, Keenig Creek Campground, Jordan Creek OHV Campground, Diamond Mill OHV Staging Area, Morrison Eddy Campground, Cedar Creek Designated Campsites, and North Fork Designated Campsites.
- Administered 8 special use permits.
  - Elk Kings Mountain Running event – 25K, 50K and Mountain Marathon
  - Ultimook Run to the Top of the World 20K & 30K
  - Ulltimook Running Camp Adventure Run 20K & 30K
  - Ultimook Run on Wilson River Trail
  - John Deere Commercial filming and photo shoot
  - Food Chain Earth Day PSA photo shoot
  - Upfront Outfitters (hunting guide)
  - Upper Trask Outfitters (hunting guide)
- Completed successful recruitment for NRS1 Recreation Specialist Zach Lee
- Recruitment for seasonal FMT staff for 2020 underway
- Removed 2 abandoned vehicles from state forest land
- Cleaned 6 large dumpsites: Bay City, Hoskins Creek, Kansas Creek, Orville Miller Tree, Foss Road, Fox Creek
- Completed stocking Jones Creek pole barn with firewood for the 2020 camping season.
- Processed Group Campsite Reservations for the 2020 camping season– 112 requests received in first 24 hours
- Footbridge Day-use trail rehabilitation
- Morrison Eddy Grey Water Install
- WRT Re-route Maintenance
- Peninsula Day Use Picnic Table Replacement
- Jones Creek Campground Group Site Picnic Table Rehabilitation
- Planted 150 Trees
- Nehalem Falls Hazard Tree Removal
- Replaced 25 Fire grates
- Footbridge Curb Installation
- Post & Rail Replacement at Jordan Creek
- Completed all refunds for campground reservations due to Covid-19.
- Drafting and implementation of Covid-19 related policies, procedures, and messaging.
- Maintained for safety and sanitation all recreation areas and restrooms.
- Completed campground closure and winterization work.
- Installed fencing at bridge over Jones Creek at C loop in Jones Creek Campground. Temporary bridge to be installed in the spring.

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

- Completed .3 mile trail construction/relocation of Wilson River Trail to improve public safety and protect water resources
- Staff and AIC crews cleaned 5 non-motorized trail bridges
- Maintained 19 miles of non-motorized trails
- Constructed retaining walls for new 40' bridge on the Wilson River Trail.

### **Non-Motorized Volunteers**

- Camp hosts contributed 1391 hours in support of Jones Creek and Nehalem Falls Campground
- Hosted the 2019 Wilson River Cleanup in conjunction with SOLVE. 14 volunteer contributed 56 hours

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

#### **Administered 4 OHV Events**

- 2 Motorcycle Enduro Events
- 2 4WD Events

#### **Grants**

- Completed Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative Grant to install a double vault toilet at the Cedar Creek OHV Staging Area.

Jordan Creek OHV Event Staging Area built and successfully used for the Lone Wolf ISDE motorcycle event. Work continues on rocking and gate install.

#### **OHV Trail Work Accomplished**

- Constructed 3.5 miles of OHV trail reroutes
- Completed Mongos Canyon trail reroute around landslide area
- Began work on Elk Wallow trail reroute from timber sale impacts
- Trail repair & slash clearing on 5.2 miles of OHV trails
- OHV volunteers cleaned 10 trail bridges
- Maintained 97 miles of OHV trails
- Ginsberg Point 4X4 trail approach improvements
- 70 OHV club and individual volunteers contributed 1900 hours to the OHV program.

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

On the North Cascade District the Recreation, Education and Interpretive Program 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:

- Installation of 6 forest entry boards along mainline roads that access high use recreation areas to help educate visitors on forest etiquette and provide direction to recreation facilities.



- Completed hazard tree assessments on all campground and day use facilities.
- Construction of a trail reroute around ongoing logging activity on Monument peak trails system.
- Completed construction of two additional campsites at rock creek campground and relocated an existing site to improve campground layout along rock creek.
- Trail drainage improvements continued along sections of the Monument Peak trail system which were accomplished through the use of inmate labor crews. These improvements included the installation of natural rock drainages and replacing old culverts.
- Brushed and maintained all 26 miles of non-motorized trails.
- Installed new wooden trail signs throughout Shellburg Falls, and Monument Peak trail systems.
- Installed wooden bollards around Butte Creek Falls Campground to better define camping area and motor vehicle access.
- Partnered with Trash No Land to design and submit a grant application for \$20,000 to construct designated target shooting area in off the Butte Creek Mainline.
- Participated in planning the annual governor's campout.
- 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. They are also working on a trail plan with the volunteer group Salem area trail alliance to construct a mountain bike connector trail between Shellburg Falls and Silver Falls state park
- 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.

### **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.

District staff facilitated the purchase of a 24 acre parcel of land for the purpose of constructing a trailhead staging area for the Black Rock Mountain Bike Area. The majority of the work to facilitate the purchase was done in FY20. The purchase is expected to be fully executed in early FY21.

### **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 students, teachers, and chaperones. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic most of the scheduled camps were closed.

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.