

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Board of Forestry Recreation Accomplishments (FY 2022)

Table 1: Summary of Volunteer Hours for Recreation Projects FY 2022

Tillamook State Forest - Forest Grove District	Tillamook State Forest - Tillamook District	Clatsop State Forest	Santiam State Forest	West Oregon District
Facilities and Non-Motorized: 1669.5 Motorized: 375 Total: 2044.5	Facilities and Non-Motorized: 1488 Motorized: 2185 Total: 3673	Facilities and Non-Motorized: 700 Motorized: 225 Total: 925	Facilities and Non-Motorized: 242 Motorized: n/a Total: 242	Non-Motorized: 647 Motorized: 150 Total: 797

Table 2: Trail Project Summary for FY 2022

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)	118.5 miles	317 miles	30 miles	6 miles	4.2 miles
New Trails Construction	2.5 miles	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	10 miles	.7 miles	.5 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trails Maintained	50 miles	36 miles	30 miles	6 miles	4.2 miles
Non-Motorized Trails (Existing)	68.5 miles	21.1 miles	21 miles	26 miles	9.5 miles
New Trails Construction	0.5 miles	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles	0 miles
Trail Upgrade/Improvement	2.3 miles	6.3 miles	8.4 miles	10 miles	1 miles
Trails Maintained	42 miles	21.1 miles	21 miles	12 miles	9.5 miles

Table 3: Number of Campers and Revenue from Campgrounds during FY 2022

Campground	District/Campsites	Campers	Visitor Nights	Revenue
Henry Rierson Spruce Run	Astoria/38 sites	3,235	7,128	\$39,598
Gnat Creek	Astoria/4 sites	694	1,199	\$6,365
Northrup Creek	Astoria/11 sites	1,065	2,630	\$8,860
Beaver Eddy	Astoria/8 sites	421	975	\$3,945
Viewpoint	Astoria/4	120	231	\$983
Gales Creek	Forest Grove/19 sites	2,447	3,991	\$29,388
Brown's Camp	Forest Grove /30 sites	1,675	3,429	\$19,668
Stagecoach Horse Camp	Forest Grove/10 sites	45	79	\$395
Elk Creek	Forest Grove/14 sites	1,999	3,351	\$18,121
Reehers Camp	Forest Grove/17 sites	546	856	\$6,936
Rock Creek	North Cascade/3 sites	26	147	\$390
Butte Creek Falls	North Cascade/3 sites	Not open due to fire damage		
Santiam Horse Camp	North Cascade/12 sites	Not open due to fire damage		
Shellburg Falls	North Cascade/7 sites	Not open due to fire damage		
Jones Creek	Tillamook/44 sites	5,557	10,367	\$56,311
Jordan Creek	Tillamook/6 sites	363	842	\$3,961
Nehalem Falls	Tillamook/21 sites	2,534	4,723	\$32,271
Keenig Creek	Tillamook/12 sites	1,557	2,707	\$13,195
Diamond Mill	Tillamook/15 sites	1,108	2,393	\$4,001
Cedar Creek	Tillamook/25 sites	1,864	5,734	\$9,598
Morrison Eddy	Tillamook/6 sites	330	795	\$2,787
North Fork Wilson	Tillamook/7 sites	474	1,223	\$2,375
Total	316 campsites	26,060 campers	52,800 visitor nights	\$259,148

Recreation Facility Planning and Development Projects

Each State Forest and District within ODF's Northwest Oregon Area with developed recreation facilities operates under limited-duration plans that provides a prioritized list of facility development projects. Other Districts across the State pursue recreation opportunities as time and resources allow and in concert with user groups and volunteers.

In FY 2022, the Recreation team returned to a more "normal" operations schedule and format as impacts from COVID-19 decreased. With the lessening of these impacts, the number of campers, visitor nights, and total revenue increased in all developed campgrounds and dispersed sites. However, total numbers did not quite return to the rates seen prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Outside of campgrounds, usage of recreational trails, both motorized and non-motorized, remained steady after the increase during FY 2020 and FY 2021.

As the Recreation team has continued to move into operating at an area-wide level, the team has begun to see many increases in efficiency that have paid dividends in working across District-boundaries and flowing staff time to meet operational needs. Along with the increased efficiency, challenges still remain to create standardized processes and operations plans within the program. Moving forward, the Recreation team will continue to focus on providing exceptional recreational opportunities at all developed sites across ODF land and work to further landscape-wide management processes.

The following is a summary of recreation-related accomplishments during FY 2022.

Clatsop State Forest—Astoria District

Developed Facility and Non-Motorized Trail Improvements

- Maintained and fully operated all campgrounds, designated dispersed sites, trailheads, and trail systems throughout the year.
 - This included hiring seasonal staff, communicating with recreationalists for fire and recreation restrictions, documenting infrastructure condition, coordinating contractors for facility operation (garbage services, bathroom cleaning, and septic/holding tank pumping), continuing water system upkeep and testing, and performing all basic facility maintenance.
- Collected fees and tracked occupancy at five developed campgrounds during each facility's operational season: Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground (year-round), Beaver Eddy Campground (May-October), Gnat Creek Campground (year-round), Viewpoint OHV Campground (year-round), and Northrup Creek Horse Campground (May-November).
- Coordinated the installation of new campground gates at Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground to allow for better access while the campground is open throughout the year.
- Installed new campground informational signage at Henry Rierson Spruce Run, Beaver Eddy and Gnat Creek Campgrounds to guide recreation users on proper activities within and outside of developed recreation areas.
- Rebuilt the corral and camp site infrastructure at Northrup Creek Horse Campground Site #2 to allow for a better camping experience for equestrian recreationalists.
- Decommissioned an old manure bin next to a camping pad to remove issues associated with its previous placement and installed a new bin away from the camping area for future use.
- Completed hazard tree review and assessment at all campground and day use facilities, which included the removal of unsafe trees.
- Successfully facilitated recruitment and management efforts for campground hosts at Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground for the 2022 operational season.
- Monitored and maintained 21 miles of non-motorized trails across the district during all seasons of the year to provide safe and sustainable recreational access.
- Completed the most wide-reaching trail repair and trail rehabilitation project on the Northrup Creek Horse Trail Loop since its opening.
- Prepped and began construction work to remove the aging 45 foot single log stringer bridge across Spruce Run Creek in Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground.
- Removed the damaged the closed 40 foot single log stringer bridge across the Soapstone Lake outlet and replaced the bridge with a glulam bridge of the same length.
- Hardened and repaired the damaged first mile of Soapstone Lake Trail.
- Maintained the Astoria District Office's Demonstration Forest and Wellness Trail.

- Installed three “Entering/Leaving Clatsop State Forest” signs along Highway 26

The Astoria OHV program provides and maintains Class I (quad), II (4WD), III (MC), and IV (Side x Side) OHV trails.

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

- Completed winter storm damage work (logout and clearing) and general maintenance on entire trail system (30 miles).
- Completed assessment and monitoring of the entire OHV trail network (30 miles).
- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of OHV trail bridges
- Removed two remaining bridges on McNary OHV trail in preparation for bridge replacement project.

Miscellaneous OHV Program Activities and Accomplishments

- Continued development and outreach for trail improvement/expansion plan

Tillamook State Forest—Forest Grove District

Developed Facility and Non-Motorized Trail Improvements

- Maintained and fully operated all campgrounds, designated dispersed sites, trailheads, and trail systems throughout the year.
 - This included hiring seasonal staff, communicating with recreationalists for fire and recreation restrictions, documenting infrastructure condition, coordinating contractors for facility operation (garbage services, bathroom cleaning, and septic/holding tank pumping), continuing water system upkeep and testing, and performing all basic facility maintenance.
- Collected fees and tracked occupancy at five developed campgrounds during each facility’s operational season: Reehers Camp Campground (May-October), Browns Camp OHV Campground (April-October), Gales Creek Campground (May-October), Elk Creek Campground (year-round), and Stagecoach Horse Campground (year-round).
- Tracked occupancy and use information at three non-fee non-developed dispersed areas throughout the year: Lyda Camp OHV Staging Area, Chicken Camp and Woods Point undesignated campsites.
- Coordinated the installation of new campground gates at Stagecoach Horse Campground and Browns Camp OHV Campground. The new gates will allow for Browns Camp OHV Staging Area to be open year-round while the campground is closed in the winter.
- Completed hazard tree review and assessment at all campground and day use facilities, which included the removal of unsafe trees.
- Installed new information boards at Reehers Camp Campground, Upper Raven’s Ridge Trailhead, and Browns Camp OHV Staging Area for information sharing.
- Planted 200 trees and other vegetation within Elk Creek Campground to help mitigate user created trails and vegetation damage.

- Successfully facilitated recruitment and management efforts for campground hosts at Gales Creek, Browns Camp, and Reehers Camp Campgrounds for the 2022 operational season.
- Operated and maintained 4 designated target shooting lanes in collaboration with our target shooting community partners.
- Facilitated and led two volunteer days with the non-profit Trash No Land to clean the shooting lanes and maintain facility infrastructure.
- Monitored and maintained 66 miles of non-motorized trails across the district during all seasons of the year to provide safe and sustainable recreational access.
- Began tread work on the new 6.2-mile segment of the Wilson River Trail. Work was completed in collaboration with Trailkeepers of Oregon, Northwest Youth Corps, and South Fork Crews.
 - In total, .5 miles of the trail is now complete and nearly all of the trail corridor has been cleared for future work.
- Maintained Step Creek Trail after largescale storm damage resulting in major sluffs and slides on the trail system.
- Began the Gravelle Brothers Trail sandshed reroute within the Historic Hiking Loop to provide for increased safety of hikers and bikers.
- Moved forward the staging and layout for the new Drift Creek Trailhead to provide parking and access for the future Wilson River Trail extension and the current Fear and Loaming downhill mountain bike trail.
- Permitted and administered one large-scale running event, one summer-long kids camp, and multiple commercial filming special use permits.
- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of 35 trail bridges within in the non-motorized trail system.
- Installed and subsequently removed the seasonal trail bridge across Elk Creek on the Wilson River Trail.
- Installed three “Enter/Leaving Tillamook State Forest” signs along Highway 26.

OHV Trail Projects

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

- Trestle Trail construction- Began construction of 2.5 mile motorcycle trail project connecting Pink Ribbon trail and Chute trail. Approximately 1.5 miles have been completed.
- 7-Up Trail Extension- 1-mile long Four Wheel Drive extension to improve trail system connectivity and sustainability.

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

Miscellaneous OHV Program Activities and Accomplishments

- Administered 4 local club trail use events
- Managed 23 existing Adopt-A-Trail agreements
- Administered the permit for the annual National Jeep Jamboree event.
- Participated in 1 ATV Advisory Committee meetings addressing new ATV laws and current statewide issues
- Completed 2022 Event Calendar date allocation
- Maintained the following OHV program equipment
 - 10 yd Dump Truck
 - 3 heavy equipment trailers
 - 2 mini-excavators
 - Sweco trail dozer
 - ST240 trail machine
 - 4 trail motorcycles
 - 2 quads and 1 6x6 utility ATV
 - 2 Morooka Rock Haulers
 - 2 trials motorcycles

Tillamook State Forest—Tillamook District

Developed Facility and Non-Motorized Trail Improvements

- Maintained and fully operated all campgrounds, designated dispersed sites, trailheads, and trail systems throughout the year.
 - This included hiring seasonal staff, communicating with recreationalists for fire and recreation restrictions, documenting infrastructure condition, coordinating contractors for facility operation (garbage services, bathroom cleaning, and septic/holding tank pumping), continuing water system upkeep and testing, and performing all basic facility maintenance.
- Collected fees and tracked occupancy at eight developed campgrounds and dispersed camping areas during each facility's operational season: Jones Creek Campground (May-October), Nehalem Falls Campground (May-October), Keenig Creek Campground (year-round), Jordan Creek OHV Campground (April-October), Diamond Mill OHV Staging Area (year-round), Morrison Eddy Campground (May-October), Cedar Creek Designated Campsites (year-round), and North Fork Designated Campsites (year-round).
- Tracked occupancy and use information at seven non-fee developed dispersed areas throughout the year: Jordan Creek, Cook Creek, North Fork Trask, East Fork Trask, South Fork Trask, and Lake Tahoe Designated Campsites, along with Hollywood OHV Staging Area.

- Replaced and renewed most designated campsite infrastructure along the Trask River system's designated dispersed sites.
- Completely replaced all table infrastructure in Diamond Mill OHV Staging Area and Jones Creek Day Use Area.
- Completed a fire-safe overhaul of all designated dispersed sites within the Cook Creek Drainage by repairing old fire grates and gravel surfaces.
- Completed hazard tree review and assessment at all campground and day use facilities, which included the removal of unsafe trees.
- Renewed the Outback Trailhead by installing a new information board and creating a clearly delineated parking area to manage use.
- Planted 400 trees and other vegetation within campgrounds to help mitigate user created trails and vegetation damage.
- Successfully facilitated recruitment and management efforts for campground hosts at Jones Creek (two hosts) and Nehalem Falls Campgrounds for the 2022 operational season.
- Monitored and maintained 21 miles of non-motorized trails across the district during all seasons of the year to provide safe and sustainable recreational access.
- Permitted and administered one large-scale running event and multiple commercial filming special use permits.
- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of 15 trail bridges within in the non-motorized trail system.

OHV Trail Projects

The Tillamook District OHV program provides and maintains Class I (quad), II (4WD), III (MC), and IV (Side x Side) 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.

- Jordan Creek Trail Reroute- Reopened .7 miles of Jordan Creek OHV trail previously blocked by slash and debris from Timber Sale activity. Work included rerouting .25 miles of trail around log landing.

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

- Completed winter storm damage work (logout and clearing) and general maintenance on 150 miles of trail.
- Completed assessment and monitoring of the entire OHV trail network (314miles).
- Completed seasonal maintenance and cleaning of 10 OHV trail bridges
- Performed trail brushing on 36 miles of OHV trails utilizing volunteers and South Fork AIC Crews

Miscellaneous OHV Program Activities and Accomplishments

- Completed location and design work on 2 OHV trail reroutes designed to improve trail connectivity and flow.

- Administered 3 local club trail use events

North Cascade District - Santiam State Forest

The Santiam State Forest has largely been closed to the public since the 2020 Labor Day Wildfires and as restoration and recovery work has been completed portions of state land have since re-opened for public use. The Crooked Finger, Niagara, Monument Peak and Rock Creek areas have been opened for public use. The Shellburg Falls, Butte Creek, and High Lakes areas remain closed.

The Recreation, Education and Interpretation Program has been steadily repairing wildfire damaged trails and infrastructure. Restoration efforts have been focused on Santiam Horse Camp, Monument Peak Trail System, and Rocky Top and Natural Arch Trails. Restoration work in the Shellburg Falls Recreation Area and the High Lakes Recreation area have been paused due to timber and restoration harvest and hazard tree mitigation activity.

On the North Cascade District, the Recreation, Education and Interpretive Program operates and maintains 3 developed camping areas, 1 dispersed camping area, and 6 trailheads.

This year the Recreation, Education and Interpretation Program has been able to re-open the Rock Creek Campground and complete restoration and recovery work at Santiam Horse Camp, Monument Peak Trail System, and Rocky Top Trail.

Partnerships with Trail Keepers of Oregon and Oregon Equestrian Trails have been valuable contributors in the efforts to accomplish the restoration work in the Santiam State Forest. Volunteers have been able to complete needed trail repair and help reconstruct wildfire damaged horse corrals in the Santiam Horse Camp.

Adults in Custody Crews from the Santiam Correctional Facility working with ODF Staff have been able to log out and conduct repairs to trails in the Shellburg Falls Recreation Area, Monument Peak Trail System, Natural Rock Arch Trail, and Rocky Top Trail.

Restoration projects and activities:

- Removal of wildfire damaged infrastructure
- Hazard tree removal
- Replacement of wildfire damaged horse corrals, perimeter fencing, and other campground infrastructure in the Santiam Horse Camp
- Replacement of damaged trail and road wayfinding signage
- Installation of forest entry information boards
- Trail repair, re-route construction and trail clearing
- Continued trail assessment

Operational Activity

- Campground operations at Rock Creek Campground and Santiam Horse Camp
- Informational and directional sign maintenance and replacement
- Trash and restroom management

- Volunteer coordination

Other Projects and Activities

- Support district harvest and management activity
- Support district state forest closure enforcement and signage
- Support district forest protection patrol
- Fabrication and installation of site signs at Monument Peak Trailhead and Rock Creek Campground,
- In collaboration with our partner Trash No Land, constructed the BC 615 Target Shooting Lane

West Oregon District

Recreation team staff based on the Santiam State Forest provided monthly patrols of developed recreation sites across the District in FY 2022. In particular, focus was placed on the most heavily utilized sites of Black Rock Mountain Bike Area in the District's Northern Block and the Mt. Baber OHV Area (including Salmon Creek OHV Staging Area) on the District's Western Block. Outside of these two areas, Recreation staff patrolled and provided maintenance work at the developed designated Big Elk Campsites and the undeveloped trails to Upper and Lower Yaquina Falls.

For most basic maintenance and management, the District maintains active Adopt-A-Trail 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 Area (including all trails and bathroom) and Black Rock Mountain Bike Area (including all trails and staging area) throughout the year. Together with the association, staff from the District and Recreation team visited the Black Rock Mountain Bike Area to review the possibility of constructing a new trailhead and trail system approach on ODF-owned land to avoid ingress and egress across private land.

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 several bike trails adjacent to State Lands.

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.

ODF-Wide Recreation Management Activities:

To ensure appropriate information is distributed from internal ODF sources, the Recreation team works with ODF Public Affairs staff to maintain correct information on the ODF webpage and through outwardly facing messaging. Additionally, the Tillamook State Forest Blog is maintained by Recreation team staff to ensure appropriate messaging and updates are provided to recreationalists across the department's most heavily used forest. Lastly, throughout the year, as opportunities or needs arise, Recreation staff work with local newspapers, recreational clubs, and other non-profits to inform the public about recreational opportunities, fire restrictions, and other forest management practices taking place across ODF land.