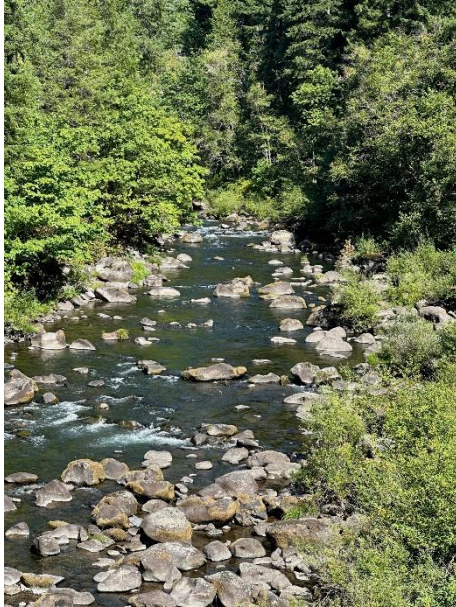




CASCADE CHRONICLES

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The mission of Cascade Volunteers is to connect individuals and communities to the Willamette National Forest and adjacent public lands through programs, stewardship, and education.



North Fork – Middle Fork Willamette River. *(Photos courtesy of Peter Buck)*

CV Provides Hands on Training & Experiences for 98 Forest Volunteers –

Wenmimareba Klobah & Becky Hope

Our annual Skills College is an opportunity for both new and seasoned volunteers to brush up on their proficiencies. We were especially excited to run an extended duration Skills College, delivering four days of classes rather than three! This year, we had over 98 volunteer trainees and 10 forest service personnel gathered at the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest next to Blue River Reservoir. The event continues to be free to registrants, but all are asked to volunteer for at least one activity in the WNF in the coming year. All financial contributions which help us to complete the critical work on the forest are gratefully accepted.

Nineteen classes and talks were presented by both volunteers as well as Willamette National Forest Service personnel. These courses covered a wide variety of information including: introduction to trail maintenance, restoring burned trails/fire safety, bridge building, rigging, basic safety, first aid, introduction to cross cut, brushing/scouting, crew management, rock walls, chainsaw maintenance, tool sharpening and maintenance, radio communications and leave no trace principles, as well as many others! The instructors all showcased their expertise in skills which enhance the abilities of our volunteers.

The facilities at HJ Andrews Experimental Forest also allowed participants to commingle and make new acquaintances as well as connect with old friends. We were thrilled to get to know some of the newbies, as well as folks that have been doing trail work for a long time but have never attended our Skills College. Evening campfires and the infamous crosscut competition provided an attempt to get to know one another even more. *(Jim Suitor defends his title as fastest in the single buck with a time of 13.28 seconds and donates \$160 to CV thanks to his willing challengers who contributed an entry fee to participate).*



Campgrounds as well as rooms and apartments were made available to attendees. A big thank you to HJ Andrews and American Land & Leisure for providing accommodations. Attendees were treated to evening meals courtesy of Takoda's Restaurant with the financial support of Oregon Trails Coalition and Travel Oregon.

We also want to thank our very hard-working Recreational Staff of the Willamette Forest and surrounding Ranger Districts for their continued support and presence. We are grateful to our core motivated and passionate Committee members:

- Volunteers: *Doug Daniels, Jim Suiter, Becky Hope*
- Forest Service: *Nick Swagger, Eileen Kitayama, Omero Torres*
- Cascade Volunteers: *Wenmimareba Klobah, Stacy Rudisill*

The informational support of:

- *Randy Jensen*, Oregon Tools
- *Jeannine Russel*, Pacific Crest Trails Association
- *Christine Meyers* (FS), Deschutes Trails Coalition and Deschutes Forest

The physical support of our set up and clean-up crew:

- *Sonya Margerum, Jean Clancey, Melanie Kate-Mason, Renee Mann* and
- Cascade Volunteer Board Members: *Jeff Southwick, Melinda Martin, and Christoph Schauwecker.*

This event demonstrates the commitment and collaboration between the Forest Service and Cascade Volunteers to continually support all the volunteers who strive to keep our local national forest open, healthy and available for all of us to enjoy ...the amazing Willamette National Forest!

A huge thank you goes out to all our volunteers!

Upcoming Events

Salmon Watch Volunteer Opportunity – Dassy Smolianski

With the new school year comes the return of one of the McKenzie Watershed Council's most treasured programs: Salmon Watch. During the months of September and November, students from across Lane County participate in the Salmon Watch Program to witness the magic of the salmon life cycle. Volunteers lead four stream-side learning stations on the topics of water quality, riparian ecology, salmon biology, and macroinvertebrates. It is an experience that has a lasting positive impact on students and their relationship with nature.

If you are someone who has a love for the environment and would like to help grow that passion in the next generation, please join us for a Salmon Watch volunteer training session!

New volunteers are required to attend one or both training sessions before supporting the trips. Training sessions will be held on the following dates:

SALMON WATCH VOLUNTEER TRAINING

DO YOU WANT TO:

- ✓ CULTIVATE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WITHIN STUDENTS
- ✓ TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT BEAUTY OF THE SALMON LIFE CYCLE
- ✓ HELP STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THE ECOSYSTEMS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
- ✓ ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ONE OF THESE TRAININGS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! PLEASE VISIT WEBPAGE BELOW

Friday, August 21st, 3-5 pm
SUB Boardroom
223 A St F, Springfield, OR 97477

Sat, Sept 26th, 10am-1pm
Carmen Smith Spawning Channel
*This training is a field module

SIGN UP TO BE A SALMON WATCH VOLUNTEER

For questions, please reach out to Dassy Smolianski: dassy@middleforkwillamette.org

MIDDLE FORK WILLAMETTE WATERSHED COUNCIL

Summer Salmon Watch Training (*Registration for the August training closes Aug 16*)

- When: Friday, August 21st, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
- Where: at the [SUB Boardroom](#)

Salmon Watch Volunteer Training Field Module (*Registration for the September training closes Sept 10*)

- When: Saturday, September 26th, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Where: [Carmen Smith Spawning Channel](#)

Click [Here](#) to register. Additional details will be sent regarding post-registration.

If you would like to volunteer at Salmon Watch but cannot attend a volunteer training, or have any questions, please send [email](#) to Dassy, Salmon Watch Coordinator. Summaries of each of the stations can be found [Here](#).

General information can be found on the Salmon Watch [website](#).

Logistics Details

Salmon Watch field trips span Tuesday - Friday, the last two weeks of September, and all of November. Trip will end on November the 24th. We typically do not have field trips on Monday. The exceptions to that rule this year are Nov 9th and 23rd.

Available volunteer slots can be viewed on the McKenzie Watershed Council's volunteer sign up calendar [Here](#). (Note: This activity **is not** in the Cascade Volunteers MyImpact calendar. Please keep in mind that all new volunteers must attend training before volunteering at Salmon Watch. If you are registered for a training option, you may sign up on the volunteer calendar early. Early sign-ups are greatly appreciated!

The field trips are an all-day event, starting around 8AM and ending around 1PM. Depending on school schedules, that time frame shifts day to day.

Volunteers are welcome to drive themselves to the sites: [Carmen Smith Spawning Channel](#) (September) and [Whittaker Creek Recreation Site](#). (November), options for carpooling may be arranged.

Other News & Stories

Wilderness Dedication – Judy Mitchell's Lifelong Calling to Serve the Forest



Judy Mitchell's journey of service has always been rooted in helping others and caring for the environment. While working for the Forest Service, she dedicated decades to conservation, volunteer leadership, and protecting Wilderness areas. After retiring in 2005, she became known for her passion, knowledge, and commitment to bringing people together to care for the land. In partnership with the Willamette National Forest, the foundation of Cascade Volunteers was born. Judy and other volunteers led projects that focused on trail maintenance, skills training workshops, habitat protection, and educating others about the importance of preserving our forests.

In 2007, Mitchell's dedication was recognized nationally when she received the "National Chief's Award for Top Volunteer of the Year". She traveled to Washington, D.C., to accept this prestigious honor, celebrating her outstanding contributions and leadership in volunteer service. Today, Judy continues her mission as the founder of Cascade Volunteers and serves as the organization's current Board Chair. Through Cascade Volunteers, she continues to inspire people to connect with nature, give back to their communities, and become stewards of the Wilderness.

For Judy Mitchell, the forest is more than a place — it is a source of purpose, connection, and lifelong service. CV's beginning was Wilderness and trails but now the mission has expanded to connect individuals and

communities to the Willamette National Forest and adjacent public lands through programs, stewardship and education. (Photo: Judy with her trail llama “Chief”)

Oakridge Trails Alliance (OTA) – Alexandria Boyd, Volunteer Coordinator & Trail Builder



The [Oakridge Trails Alliance](#) (OTA) is a nonprofit trails stewardship organization composed of volunteers, local businesses, land managers, trail advocates, and outdoor recreation partners who share a common goal: protecting, maintaining, and improving the incredible trail systems throughout the Greater Oakridge Area and the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest.

Founded through a grassroots effort to care for Oakridge’s growing recreation network, OTA has evolved into a vital community partner supporting trail stewardship, outdoor recreation infrastructure, climate resilience, and sustainable public access. Through volunteer trail work, collaborative partnerships, education, and advocacy for safe, welcoming, and community-driven projects, OTA helps preserve and enhance the region’s world-class trails while sustaining Oakridge’s reputation as one of the Pacific Northwest’s premier outdoor recreation destinations.

Current OTA projects include continued development of the Cloverpatch Connector Project, where bridge construction on a new trail segment will soon begin, improving trail connectivity and rider experience across the greater network. OTA is also advancing the Oakridge Trails to Town Initiative, which aims to strengthen connections between Oakridge neighborhoods, recreational assets, public spaces, and surrounding trail systems.

Additional efforts include interpretive signage and recreation infrastructure improvements associated with the East Oakridge Trails Plan, trail enhancements near the Oakridge Industrial Park and Old Mill Ponds, and continued stewardship and maintenance work on trails such as Dead Mountain and Bunchgrass. Together, these projects support recreation, tourism, community well-being, wildfire resilience, environmental education, and the long-term stewardship of public lands and outdoor spaces throughout the Oakridge area.

Projects like these rely heavily on volunteer support, community involvement, and partnerships with organizations that believe in the future of outdoor recreation in Oakridge. OTA hosts volunteer opportunities and trail events throughout the season, including Lawlerpalooza (volunteer mountain biking weekend) on June 5–6, for National Trails Day a community weekend focused on camping, digging, and riding in celebration of the trails we all love.

To help raise awareness and support for this work, OTA is currently hosting a custom bike giveaway featuring a fully built Propain Tye AL made possible through generous support from industry partners including Propain Bikes, RockShox, Schwalbe, Chris King, Astral Cycling, Deity Components, Ground Keeper Customs, and others. The giveaway is more than an opportunity to win an incredible bike, it is a way for riders, supporters, and community members to directly contribute to the future of trail stewardship in Oakridge. Every donation and volunteer hour helps ensure these trails remain open, maintained, and accessible for generations to come. Volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, and information about the bike giveaway can be found [Here](#) & [Here](#)

Cool Idea – Mike Smith

The small, gurgling stream nearby attracted my attention. Should I or shouldn’t I?

I was the crew leader brushing and logging out Lowder Mountain while working with sore foot. My affected appendage gave me three good hours, but during the fourth, I started having discomfort, and I still had to hike out. At lunch, near a barely flowing stream, I remembered a few weeks back in the Diamond Peak Wilderness, the same sore foot, with additionally a sore toenail, was worsened by wearing an extra sock. During lunch, I

took off the boot, hoping it wouldn't be a mistake. It wasn't. It felt great. I pulled off the extra sock, the one underneath, and let the foot air out. It felt even better. After 10 minutes, I put the other sock back on and then the boot. My foot still hurt, but I could finish the day.

Remembering, I again removed my boot. Same feeling, different question. Should I soak it in water, or shouldn't I? It's difficult to put a sweaty sock back on a wet foot. So what? I have been on my knees all morning, two of us removing brush on every foot of the trail through the large last meadow, although admittedly we spared the scarlet gilia and the western coneflowers. It was hot. I could use the top of the sock to wipe my foot dry. We had to wait anyway for two others returning from having gone further up to check out the summit, so there was time. I deserved a break, and so did my foot.

I took off boot and sock, let my bare foot get some delightful fresh air, then put my bare foot into the boot and hobbled over to the stream to where the trail crossed several flat rocks with perhaps a half inch of water flowing slowly over them. I moved carefully off the trail, under an arch of branches, found a rock I could sit on near a small pool of water maybe 6" deep. Perfect. I sat down on the rock, removed my foot from the boot, and stuck it in the water.

Wow. Cold and great. Within 30 seconds, I felt no cold. I should have come over half an hour earlier and eaten my lunch here. The gravel bottom was fine. I could sit here for an hour or all afternoon. I wouldn't, of course, but I got a chance to look upstream at the steep grade with a narrow chain of rivulets. It was shady and out of the way. I had hiked by this stream at least 10 other times and never knew what was back here. But today I discovered it. Twenty minutes later, it was time to do some work, so I removed my foot which dried in two minutes. I put the sock on, then the boot, stepped back on the trail, and five minutes later the other two showed up. The hike out went fine.

I don't swim in Oregon because the water is too cold for me, an old guy with thin skin and not much insulation. Or I am a chicken. It's great others can. Last time I swam was in 2017 by a campground in the North Cascades. Several of us had just finished a hot hike. There was a lake and a boat ramp. I stripped down to shorts and ran right into the lake, the best way I can deal with cold water. I wasn't going to swim and didn't, immediately getting out! But I was cooled down for the rest of the day. Swims do that. See you on the trail but probably not in the water.

Payment In Full – *Mike Smith*

The day didn't start well. Our third day working three years post-Cedar Creek Fire Black Creek trail in the Waldo Lake Wilderness since getting permission, and we had a new detour. Our drive was now 35 miles from Oakridge; 7 miles north through High Prairie plus another 8 miles on 1931, 4 miles on 1934, the latter two dirt roads through the burn and dust, just to get to paved FS24, a few miles east of Oakridge. Then we had to go several miles through the staging area for salvage logging, by stacks of logs and heavy machinery, before the final 8 miles on pothole filled 2421 to the trailhead. At least the final part was not in a burn.

We need permission to work in the forest; and we need special permission to work at Black Creek. Burned areas are dangerous; roads may be busy with heavy equipment, there are falling trees or limbs, maybe silent; treacherous ground with hidden holes, sloughing of the trail, and rockslides. During the first two outings we cleared 0.8 miles and 0.4 miles respectively. If the geometric series continued, today we would clear 0.2 miles. Black Creek Trail, 3.7 miles, goes by Lillian Falls before climbing steeply to the west shore of Waldo Lake. We hadn't even reached the falls. I encountered an all-day-work-on-one-log here several years ago, and logs that gushed sap making saws useless. One of our saw groups had one log that did both, soaking a guy with sap. Delightful!

We split into three saw teams and hiked in, gaining 600 feet elevation, passing our previously cut logs, walking where we had repaired the tread. Two of us previously power brushed the quarter mile trail outside the wilderness. I was in the middle group, where we needed to remove a 30-inch log, which had once been cut, but the remaining log had slid down and jammed two cut areas together. Much of the log lay on a steep uphill, so if we cut anything off below, there was a good chance the rest of the log might slide again. We managed to

make a narrow passage through at ground level and started work to cut away the part over the trail. Between the dirt and the blackened bark, we were soon coated. The Emigrant Fire was south of us; by late morning it seemed darker than it should have been. The Sun was dimmer, smoke and white ash started to filter down from the skeletal forest high above us across the creek. We could smell smoke, and by lunch, many of us started coughing and had watery eyes.

The group ahead of us finally got their log removed. The group behind us with sticky log syndrome still had more to do after two days' work. Our log would need another day.

By 1:15, I had had enough, enough of the heat, enough of the log, enough of the smoke, and enough of not being able to do enough. Human factors are important part of saw safety: wildfire smoke is dangerous to the lungs, especially given our activity, and coupled with heat and fatigue I felt our continuing to work was unhealthy. The crew boss agreed and told us to pack up. On the way out, I went by the first group, still working, telling them we were knocking off. One asked me what time it was, and I answered, "Time to leave." We cleared 0.2 miles, mathematically perfect but depressing. I hope that changes, for otherwise next time we will go 0.1 miles, and our mathematical limit is 1.6 miles. I really should think of other things.

While waiting for everybody to regroup at the trail head, a California Sister butterfly (*Adelpha californica*) landed on one of the other crew members. It looked like a white admiral but had a circular orange spot at the tip of each black wing. That was a new butterfly sighting for me. It was a long drive home, 8 miles back on 2421, past log piles another few miles, then uphill, north, and west 12 miles on dirt to High Prairie. Far south, we saw the depressing pyro cumulus clouds from the Emigrant Fire with a long plume of smoke to the northeast. When we reached a sign that said "Oakridge 2, Westfir 3" I looked at my map and said we could turn on McFarland and drive straight to Westfir, bypassing Oakridge. Nobody disagreed, but a quarter of a mile down the road, we had to stop.

Perhaps fifteen elk, at least three young, slowly crossed the road in front of us. It was a tough day out there, dangerous, dirty, dusty, hot, humid, and smoky, but seeing the elk helped, and at least for me, so did the butterfly.

Payment in full. See you on the trail.

Surprising Findings – Cheryl Friesen

The Willamette National Forest's rich landscape has provided opportunities for hundreds of researchers over the past century. Ecosystems are complex, and we have a lot to learn. But intrepid souls, armed with calipers and cameras and a variety of other recording devices have scrambled through the Forest seeking answers to often simple questions that, in aggregate, can lead to profound insights.

This column will be a regular feature to highlight the often-surprising findings from these endeavors. For more information on the rich Science-Management partnership on the Willamette, check out the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest [website](#)

Cold Frogs

"If all the beasts were gone, man would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts soon happens to man. All things are connected". Inspired by Chief Seattle.



Oh. So. Cold. Deep in the Three Sisters Wilderness, tucked into a corner of Penn Lake, they await ice-out. The slight current from a deep spring helps them maintain a temperature just above freezing. They somehow survive until it's time: time to mobilize for a ritual thousands of years old. Time to find mates and reproduce.

Their egg masses float quietly in the water, gaining energy from the heat of the early spring sun. Until finally, hundreds of tadpoles wiggle free, striving for transformation into adult spotted frogs by summer's end. It's a quick timeline to metamorphosize at 6500' elevation in the high Cascades. It's a race to survive until they can again snuggle into the spring's flow, at the bottom of the lake, for the winter.

During brief surveys almost 30 years ago, researchers were stunned and saddened to find only a handful of adult frogs. Years of drought had taken its toll on the vulnerable egg masses. Likely coupled with introduced, non-native brook trout gobbling the adults, the population crashed.

But these critters are built for tough times. Dr. Christopher Pearl, a herpetologist with US Geological Survey, was intrigued at how they might rebound. Every spring starting in the 1990's, he and his crew trudged into the high country to monitor and watch for recovery. Post-holing in the deep snow, it's a rugged endeavor: not for those lacking dedication to the cause. Over time, with a few wetter winters, a halt to fish stocking, and improved water conditions in the Mink Lake Basin, the frogs rebounded.

And then, in 2017, a stunning surprise: beavers had found their way back into the wilderness. Having been trapped out years ago, the lack of their civil engineering skills had been missed. They were hard at work, rebuilding old dams, ponding new water, and altering the landscape in a good way for the frogs and other species. Their efforts may offer a level of protection from future drought.

The Oregon Spotted frog used to be widespread on the west side of the Cascades. They are now known from only 2 locations. Should we care? Most people have never heard of spotted frogs, and few will see one in their lifetime. I would argue that they deserve our attention -- and even respect -- if only for their resiliency. As the planet warms, will they survive? We have hope.

Next time you pull off your sweaty hiking boots to dip your toes into a mountain lake -- only to quickly pull them out, white and wrinkled from the shockingly cold experience: think of the spotted frog. There is a frog that survives -- and tenuously thrives -- in the Oh. So. Cold



2026 Winter Trail Blues – Lyndell Wilken



Our winter trails at Willamette Pass had very little attention this past winter due to the inability to reach the diamonds and signs because of the record low snowpack. Volunteers could only look up to see what might need to be done with ladders once the trails were clear of what little snow there was. By May 1st the Gold Lake SnoPark area winter trail system was devoid of snow and 7 volunteers used two ladders to install a new sign, back off sign bolts and remove overhanging branches along the Marianne Way and Bechtel trails. Thanks to *Keiko Bryant, David Klick, Mike Crocker, Jan and Rich Anselmo, John Hegg and Lyndell Wilken* for a full day of work.



Future summer work parties will take place on the trails leading to Fuji Shelter which is off of the Fuji Mt. trail and the Rosary Lakes trail. As volunteers scout their trails more work parties may be organized to make up for the lack of maintenance this past winter.

Love Your Lake – Lyndell Wilken

Love Your Lake volunteer *Dolores Niebergall* organized an overnight work party for the volunteers taking care of Duffy and Santiam Lakes. They maintained 16 fire rings, dismantled 8 campfire rings, carried out 6 bags of garbage and interacted with

22 people sharing. One group included a teacher with 8 PE students from Sweet Home High School. At the request of the instructor, Dolores gave a “Leave No Trace” presentation. What a significant impact Dolores and company made on a single trip. Just think, with 70+ Love Your Lake volunteers adopting many lakes, what an impact they are making in keeping the lakes in the Willamette pristine.

Who’s Who: Kara Lonberg, Sanjana Sachdeva, Dolores Niebergall, Jennifer McDaniel, Kevin McDaniel and Jacob Reemer.

In addition, Dolores has been testing out a new “trash bag” which is a repurposed waterproof dog food bag that has two compartments. The bag doubles as a water carry bag and came in handy when dousing a smoldering campfire. She was able to acquire them from the Sisters Feed company. She has also started using kitchen tongs to pick up trash. According to Dolores It’s nice if one person has kitchen tongs and another has the long-handled grabber. Love Your Lake volunteers are given feed sacks that can be



used to collect the ashes from the fire rings and long handled grabbers to pick up trash. These additional suggestions from Dolores are welcome and enhance our volunteers’ ability to keep our lakes clean.



Salamander Trail – Beth Dayton

Somehow Trout Creek Trail in the Menagerie Wilderness is the gift that just keeps on giving. A one-two-three punch of ongoing root rot with a spell of heavy rain and wind in December brought down multiple green trees and tied

them into knots.

A crew of eleven sawyers and swampers worked through these high complexity projects one by one. At the end of the day, half the team opted to continue on the 10th and 11 innings to get the very last stubborn side-bound stinker removed and save us the 5-mile round trip hike on another day. Time to move onto the MT Jefferson Wilderness!

Scorpions on the Trail – Weekly Update

- Weekly Update (May 26-28)

The Scorpions have been hard at work across the Umpqua National Forest and Middle Fork districts this week, tackling major logout and tread-repair projects under challenging spring conditions. Here's a look at what your dedicated crews accomplished on the trail.

- Umpqua National Forest – Martin Sharps #1416 & Bohemia #1407 (May 26)

A seven-member Scorpions crew headed out to clear both the Martin Sharps and Bohemia trails, each blocked by multiple large 36–40" logs along with numerous smaller windfalls. Fortunately, all obstructions were within the first mile of trail.



Working in two saw teams with bar lengths ranging from 24" to 40", the crews made quick work of the logs and wrapped up by early afternoon.

- "Some large 36–40" logs were on both trails... Fortunately, most of the logs did not put up much of an argument

- McBee Trail Crosscut Logout – Crossing Way TH (May 28)

Brian, Matthew, Alex, and Garrett returned to finish the final stretch of crosscut work on the McBee Trail up to the Elk Creek Trail junction. After brushing out the meadow at the trailhead, they hiked in under cloudy skies and intermittent rain to reach the remaining dozen logs left by the McKenzie Trail Crew.

Leapfrogging down the trail, they cut through the remaining tangle, even removing a difficult hanging log that would have forced horse packers to duck.

"The trail is now clear all the way to Elk Creek Trail junction a great accomplishment!"

The crew logged more than 10 miles on foot to complete the job.

Thanks to all for making the long hike in the wet to get the last few logs cut out!! – Garrett Turner



- **Middle Fork Trail #3609 – Emigrant Fire Scar (May 28)**

An eight-person team returned to the Emigrant Fire scar to continue logout and tread restoration beginning one mile above Chuckle Springs. Three large 26–32" logs remained, along with extensive fire debris and tread damage.

A three-person saw team tackled the big logs while the tread crew advanced upstream with tools and Katana-500s, repairing another mile of trail to just above Beaver Creek. The crews reunited to roll a roughly 700-lb round off the trail—no small feat.

"We have now completed logging out from Indigo Springs to Beaver Creek."



Progress to Date:

- Logout completed from Indigo Springs to Beaver Creek
- Tread restored from Chuckle Springs to Beaver Creek

Still to do:

- A difficult section downstream from Indigo Springs
- Repair badly damaged tread between Indigo Springs and Chuckle Springs

Hope to see you on the trail soon!



Closing Note – Rhonda Levine, CV Editor

Watch for the Newsletter the last week of alternate months. We encourage you to volunteer, as we are doing, to make a difference. And if you'd like to write something and include photos for **YOUR** Newsletter... please do.

When submitting photos, please ID the individuals, the location(s), and ensure that permission to use the photo(s) for publication has been provided.

Please send email with your articles and (photos) to [Rhonda](#). We ask that photos be an attachment or shared link rather than embedded in the text of the article. The **deadline** for the August Newsletter is **Friday, 7/17/2026**.