TRAIL CREW NOTES

3 May 2023

Location: Slab Camp trail (838), ONF

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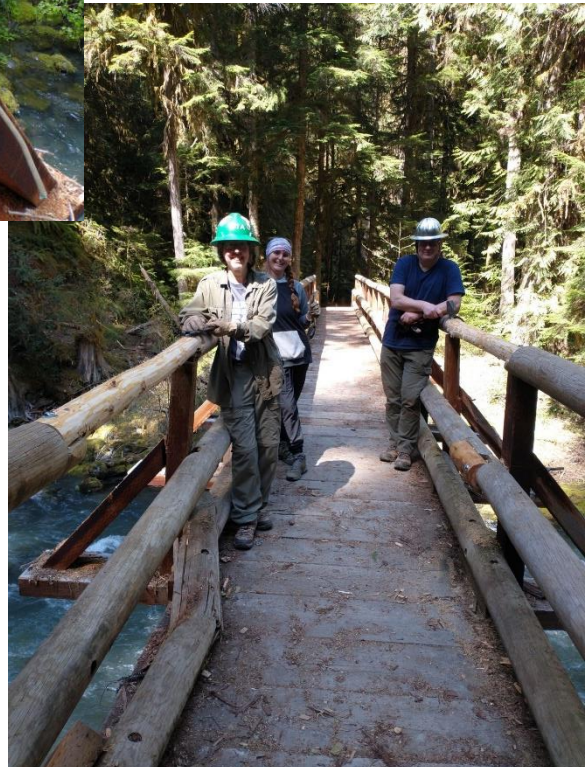Josie Dean

Hours on job: 32

- Objective(s) for the day:
  - Install temporary rails to repair/replace those damaged by tree that fell on bridge in 2022
    - Replace ropes that had been installed to provide rudimentary barrier for sides of bridge.
  - Remove remains of the fallen tree from horse ford

- Task(s) accomplished:
  - Surveyed damaged railings to determine what could be salvaged
    - Bull rails beyond repair but still in place so no need to address now
    - Middle rails damaged on ends but were sufficient so as to be pinned back into place and held with additional hardware.
    - Top rails not found; new rails acquired, prepped and installed
  - Insufficient time to remove trunk from horse ford

- Task(s) remaining:
  - Assess bridge suitability for future stock use; railings installed and remaining damaged railing support structure may not be sufficient
    - Several side supports (both wood and hardware) damaged and out of position; could not repair these as that would involve taking apart the entire rail structure at that point
    - One double-extended length plank is broken on upriver side
      - As alternative to replacing this plank, consider bringing down one single-extended plank to mount side-rail support on only upriver side. No disassembling of downriver railing required.
      - Use new plank to replace plank next to damaged double-extended plank. Mount new upriver railing support on new plank. Replacement will not be centered between the nearest two undamaged support planks. If this is an issue, could bring down two single-extended planks and replace deck planks on either side of the damaged deck plank.
  - Schedule crew to cut out log from horse ford.

Left: Bridge status March 2022

Below: rope railings June 2022

Far below: repaired and
    replaced railings May 2023

Tree fallen (since Nov 2022) just above Duncan Flats
- tree cut by unknown person(s) on downhill end
        - chainsaw use in Wilderness?
- bypass dug into dirt by same person(s)