

TRAIL CREW NOTES

4/22/23

Location: Duckabush, ONF

Crew members:

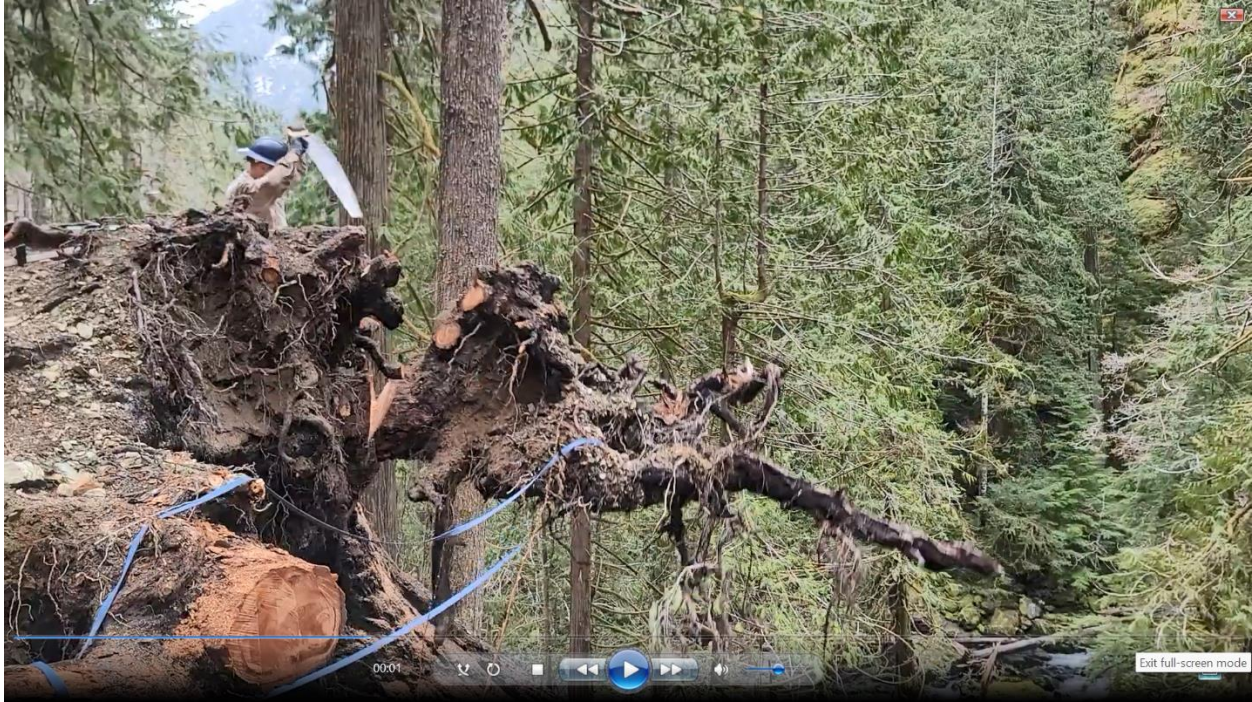
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Our third day on the Duckabush went well. We finished (mostly, except for one thing, read on) with the prep of the tree. Also, both of the packers came out to check out the rideability of the trail to be familiar with it before packing in the saws and equipment on May 13. We got to see Mario Porras riding Lucas and leading Reggie, Harold Wiese riding Magic and leading Archie, and Tawyna Caldwell riding Copper.

On our list of things to do:

1. Finish debarking both trees.
2. Create a safe platform on a steep hillside for the felling of the snag that we need to do before we start on the trees.
3. Dig, dig and dig under both trees – especially the larger one which still had a lot of dirt and rocks under where the saw will be running.
4. Finish cutting off that last overhanging root.
5. Dig and clear out good safe stances for the sawyers.
6. Put more work into escape routes for the sawyers.
7. Have the packers check out the spot where WTA had flattened some stock hang out areas – they both checked it out and approved. No more work necessary there (I will thank that crew's WTA leader, Al Mashburn).

We finished cutting off that last overhanging root that you saw in the last report (thank you, David! That was a difficult job). Of course, then it landed with a few of its tendrils jammed into the ground, above where the sawyer for the larger tree will be standing. We tried to move it but it is impaled into the ground. If we cut off the bottom of it, that will get it out of the way of the sawyer, but we still don't like having that above the sawyer. We'll take in a come-along to see if we can move it before the actual tree cut begins. Other than that, we're ready.



ERIC CAPTURED THIS MOMENT WHEN DAVID GOT THE OVERHANGING ROOT TO FINALLY RELEASE. WE HAD THE STRAP ON IT TO TRY TO PREVENT IT FROM LANDING ON THE TREE WE JUST FINISHED CLEARING AND CLEANING. (APOLOGIES FOR THE NON-WORKING PLAY BUTTON – THIS IS A SCREEN CAPTURE OF PART OF A VIDEO).



BETWEEN THE TWO TREES IS READY. YOU CAN'T TELL IN THIS PICTURE, BUT WE ALSO PREPPED A COMFORTABLE AND SAFE STANCE FOR THE SAWYER.



BARK CLEARED AND A LARGE SPACE CLEARED OUT UNDERNEATH. NOW IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT ROOT ...



BOTH TREES LOOKING GOOD AND CLEAN. THE SNAG IN THE FOREGROUND IS THE ONE THAT WE'LL NEED TO FELL. I DIDN'T GET A PICTURE, BUT THERE IS NOW A VERY FLAT AND SAFE PLATFORM DUG OUT OF THE STEEP HILLSIDE FOR THE SAWYER OF THIS SNAG, WHICH WILL BE MARTIN.



THIS IS WHERE THE ANIMALS WILL BE CHILLIN' WHILE WE CUT THE TREES.



TAWYNA CALDWELL RIDING COPPER, THIS IS COMING DOWN OFF OF LUNCH ROCK ON THE WAY OUT.



HAROLD WIESE ON MAGIC, WITH ARCHIE POSING IN THE BACK. THIS IS HEADING DOWN THE 19 SWITCHBACKS ON THE WAY BACK DOWN BIG HUMP.



**HAROLD, TAWYNA, ARCHIE, MAGIC AND COPPER.
ERIC GOT A GREAT SHOT OF LUCAS AND REGGIE, BUT IT'S IN A FORMAT I CAN'T MAKE WORK
FOR THIS REPORT. I WILL MAKE SURE THEY AND THEIR HUMAN, MARIO PORRAS, ARE IN THE
NEXT REPORT.**