

Trail Report Summary November 2023

Jim and Donna Hollatz, DNR and State and Jamestown Tribe

October Trail Work:

Jim and Donna made two excursions on foot with the chainsaw to remove trees that had fallen over trails at Miller Peninsula.

10/3/23: Walked in from Aerospace Road on W. Diamond Point Trail about 1/4 mile to cut out an 8" diameter tree about 40" above the ground. It was an old dead tree that randomly fell down in a very brushy spot so there was no way around it. There were few branches to move so it was a 15 minute job to clear it.

10/23/23: Walked in from Fireweed Road (the picnic table in the middle of the park) down Manzanita about a half mile. Cut out an 18" Douglas Fir that had uprooted about 30 feet back from the trail and was at waist level. There were no branches to move but now we have nice mounting blocks beside the trail. We also removed a 12" diameter alder that had fallen at another spot on the trail. It was on the ground where horses could step over it, but inconvenient for bicycles!

Bill Mueller, OAT Trail (Thursday Trail Crew) and NOLT:

The trusty Thursday trail crew carried out four weeks of work on the OAT.

Summary as follows:

October 5:

11 workers carried out tread widening and drainage repair/replacement for about one mile of the OAT near MP 11.

October 12:

13 workers carried out more tread widening/rehab and drainage repair/replacement again for about a mile of trail near MP 10.

October 19:

10 workers carried out more tread widening/rehab and drainage repair/replacement for about a mile of trail MP 11.

This pretty well finished the updating and conditioning of the trail on that section of the OAT. Trail maintenance is so critical to continued trail use.

October 26:

9 workers again carried out tread widening/rehab and drainage repair/replacement and new drain dip construction for about a mile of trail near MP 4.5.

This was a nice change of scenery from the past month or so. This area has some difficult issues with water management and mud is often present. Hopefully the work will ease the problem. It was a beautiful day out there and some spectacular mushrooms were seen and photographed. None likely to be edible, but nice to admire. A fun day!

Rebecca Wanagel, ONF and ONP

ONF:

10/13: Lower Dungeness

This was a 3-person scouting crew. Jim Johannes, Martin Knowles and Rebecca Wanagel went to the Lower Dungeness to take a very close look at the failed puncheon that is one mile from the upper trailhead. Our goal was to figure out how to repair it and mitigate the drainage issue that caused the failure in the first place. We came up with a solid plan and set up a crew for November 3.

10/18: Deer Ridge

We had done such a thorough job taking care of the ONP portion of Deer Ridge (and a little bit into ONF) that it was time to tend to the ONF portion. David Graves led this crew of 7 and they did a lot of brushing with power brushers and re-benching of narrow tread. This trail is in great shape now from the ONF trailhead to the ONP one. Please see attached summary report.

10/25: Lower Graywolf

David Graves led this crew of 4. They brushed the first $\frac{3}{4}$ mile with a cordless battery string trimmer plus half of the Cat Creek loop trail. They also spot hand brushed to the 2-mile mark and re-benched 200 feet of tread that had narrowed too much.

11/3: Lower Dungeness

15 people were on this energetic work crew. We had three main jobs: deal with the drainage that caused the puncheon to slip in the first place, jack up and shore up the puncheon, and build a rock wall to buttress the downstream sill. Please see attached summary report.

ONP:

Nothing in the ONP since Little River reported on in the last summary. West Elwha is on the schedule for Friday, Nov 11.

Please remember that we have a new website and anyone can sign up for Gray Wolf Trail Crew work crews through the link on this site.

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