

Monthly Trail Report for the Board and Membership November 2024

Jim and Donna Hollatz, DNR and State

Robin Hill: Two trail work parties were held (Oct. 15 & Oct. 29) to finalize the trail. Work consisted of smoothing tread, removing roots, trimming overhead branches, and taking out some dead trees that were threatening to fall across the trail with winter winds. This concludes our work here for the fall season. The trail will be reevaluated in the spring and more work done if needed to mitigate any problems that arise with winter weather. A group ride is being held on Saturday, November 9th, to open the trail and honor Martha Ireland, who was instrumental in getting permission to build this new trail as well as the development of Robin Hill Park years ago.

Lyre River: A huge spruce tree fell across the main access road. Jim Hollatz and Tom Mix cut and removed it on October 16th. (photos by Tom attached)

Miller Peninsula: On Nov. 2nd, Tom Mix drove Fireweed Road to remove some small trees that had blown down and were reported by a bicycle rider, plus some small trees hanging over the road. We anticipate there will be significant trees downed by the winds of November 4 & 5, but we have not had any reports yet.



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

Thursday Trail crew projects in October:

10/03

Nine workers; OAT MP 1, rehabbing the tread including widening, slope reestablishment to 2% out slope, drainage repaired and constructed where needed, brushing back edges to regain corridor width and height.

10/10

Nine workers; OAT MP 11, rehabbing tread, repair drainage structures, constructing new where needed, brushing back edges and removing encroaching trees to provide corridor width and height.

10/17

Twelve workers; ODT off Vautier road, reopen the corridor to full width, clearing overhead limbs, removing hazard trees, opening corridor height, cleaning asphalt edges.

10/24

Thirteen workers; ODT off Cooper Ranch road, reopen the corridor to full width, clearing overhead limbs, brushing back edges, removing trees from along the edges, cleaning trail edges, cleaning asphalt surface.

10/31

Twelve workers; ODT off Cooper Ranch road, continue with reopening the corridor to full width and height, brushing back edges, removing trees from along the edges, cleaning trail edges, cleaning asphalt surface. Added activity searching for mushrooms along the trail edge.

In all, the trail crew keeps busy and enhances the OAT/ODT experience for all users, and even has some fun doing it.

Rebecca Wanagel, ONF and ONP

OLYMPIC NATIONAL FOREST

No work to report here.

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

October 18-20

Upper Lena Trail, a badly-neglected trail.

Please see attached report.

November 3 and 8

Lake Angeles Trail

Heather Park Trail

Please see attached report.

Winter is upon us. The Gray Wolf Trail Crew will be resting for a while to let winter do its thing. There will be no trail report for the board in December, as Rebecca is taking some rest time. Next report will be in January.

Please remember that anyone can sign up for Gray Wolf Trail Crew work crews through the link on our website. All members of BCH and GWTC are welcome on these crews – and new folks are always encouraged so please spread the word.

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