



## Gray Wolf Trail Crew in partnership with BCHW, Peninsula Chapter

Lower Big Quilcene Trail (#833), Olympic National Forest

5 December 2025



### Crew members

David Graves

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### Quick Stats

On-trail volunteer hours: 15

Hours including travel time: 24

Miles worked: 0.75 miles

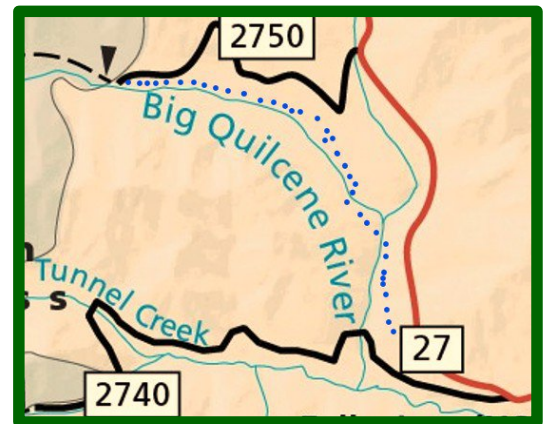
Total miles hiked: 3.4 miles

Trail standards: Multi- use

### **Objectives:**

- Clear multiple fallen trees from the 4.5-5.5 mile point on this trail (blue dots).
- Address any drainage issues found.

It seems that once we clear some trees reported down on this trail, another report comes in of more trees down elsewhere on the trail. This work party was spurred by a hiking report from the Klahhane hiking club.



### **Achieved:**

We received a trail report of several trees down above where our November 18 logout crew had been and Jolly Creek (the lower terminus of our November 8 crew). The number and complexity of the trees was a serious obstacle to trail users so we chose to send in a crew right away. We had planned on two chainsaw crews but ended up with one due to a last-minute cancellation. Despite the smaller crew, all obstacles were removed.

There were four primary clusters of fallen trees. Two of the clusters were of smaller (under 12") diameter trees and two of larger (20-30") diameter trees. A total of ten trees were removed from the trail corridor. Also, the ends of three trees that had fallen and been cut through years ago, were cut further back to meet stock corridor requirements. Finally, two blocked drain dips were cleaned removing standing water from the trail.







With the smaller diameter clusters, a chainsaw pair worked one end of the cluster while the third person swamped out the numerous tree branches with a handsaw.

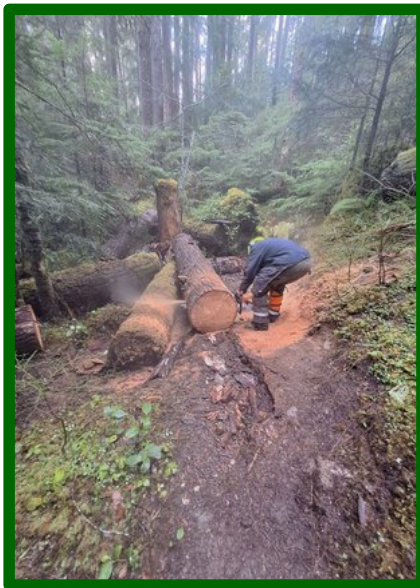




One of the other larger trees.



A little extra cleanup.



**Task(s) remaining:**

1. Continue pulling saplings and salmonberry springing up within tread corridor.
2. Upon ONF approval, install a re-alignment for the steep reroute section.
3. Upon ONF approval, replace failed Jolly Creek bridge.

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7 December 2025