



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

Lower Graywolf (original section), ONF

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Crew members

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Quick Stats

On-trail volunteer hours: 9
Hours including travel time: 16
Miles worked: Just one location
Trail rating: Hiker-only

Objectives:

1. Clear a path through a recent large tree that fell with its rootball hovering over the trail. Clear another old previously-cut tree that would now be in the way of the realigned path.
2. Re-align the trail slightly to go through the new opening.

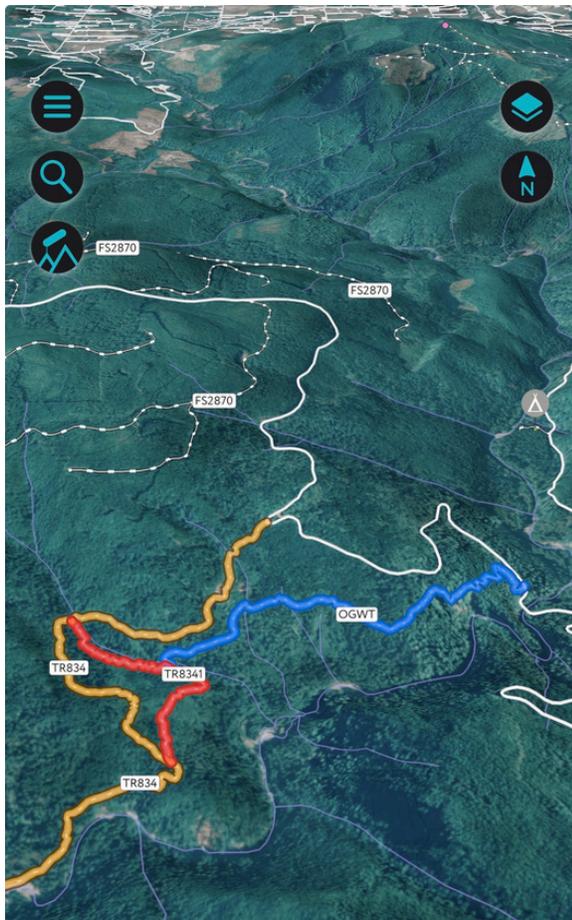
Achieved:

1. Both objectives.

Future work:

1. There is always future work, but until the next problem arises, we get a break from that awful road for a while.

A map to give you perspective of the Graywolf Trail, "new" and "old."



Graywolf Trail is usually considered to be the yellow trail. The blue is the original trail, many years ago replaced by the yellow trail which is old road for quite a ways at the start. We still keep the blue trail open, it's just hiker-only status.

The red is Cat Creek trail, the northern half of which was built by Don Stoneman to make a delightful loop.

The yellow trail allows stock, but it is a dead end at a little past 4 miles where the bridge washed out many years ago and never replaced. That splits the Graywolf into Lower and Upper.



A couple of weeks ago when we were blowing the leaves off the trail, we happened upon this. This is 1/2 mile up from the lower "original" parking lot of the Lower Graywolf Trail.





To be honest, this was a very simple and quick project. However, we did use a compound angle cut (angled in two planes) to allow the rootball part of the tree to drop down (as it obviously wanted to) and also to be able to get the billets out. It was close to 3-feet in diameter so it was heavy wood to move. Therefore we cut many smaller-sized pieces.



We couldn't put the trail back in its original line because the rootball was hovering directly over the trail. We opted to move it over as far as we did because the terrain there was better for realigned tread than closer to the rootball.

Because this trail is for hikers only, we didn't have to worry about getting it to stock standards. However as it turns out, the opening we made would have worked for either one.

The tread could be improved more. Our plan is to watch it and see if it collects water and becomes problematic. If that happens, we'll take in a whole crew to collect rock and material and work to make the tread down to mineral soil as is proper.

