

**Monthly Trail Report for the Board and Membership
October 2024**

Jim and Donna Hollatz, DNR and State

During the month of September, Tom Mix led work parties at Robin Hill to finish hauling gravel and completing the turnpikes. The fence was also mended where we opened it to get equipment through and the gravel dump sites were cleaned up. We anticipate needing 2 more work days: one will focus on overhead trimming, cutting out roots, and smoothing the tread on the southern part of the trail. Another work day will be needed to do the same type of finish work on "Martha's Loop" along the northeastern section of trail. The trail is ready to ride at this point and the more hooves we can get through there, the better. That will help pack the dirt and help us find any soft spots. The County has agreed for their employees to "chip" most of the debris that was cut to clear the corridor. They will also plant some plants along the trail. They have agreed to leave the tread as bare mineral (no chips are to be added). They also plan to put up signage (our standard yield/right of way sign for hikers, bikers, equestrians).

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

The Thursday crew has been busy renewing the tread at the start of the OAT, that is MP 0 to MP 2. The entrance (over a culvert) has been refurbished and regraded. From there on up the hill, tread has been recovered to 36" spec and drainage renewed and replaced when needed. Brush has been cut back and encroaching trees were removed. Trees were trimmed up to stock standard so the stock corridor is again appropriate.

So in essence, needed trail maintenance was the focus. It is likely to continue since there are miles to go before we sleep.

The crew works on.

Rebecca Wanagel, ONF and ONP

OLYMPIC NATIONAL FOREST

Lower Dungeness:

David Graves led a 2-day crew to pick up where WTA left off. As it turns out, WTA constructed the puncheons raised up higher than we anticipated. So David's crew was working on building rock / gravel ramps on either side of two new short puncheons. Crew report written by David is attached, you can read the details there.

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

Nothing for September. August was a full month! We do have a 3-day crew coming up in mid-October on the Upper Lena trail, to be supported as far as Lower Lena by the Tuller packer team.

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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