

**Monthly Trail Report for the Board and Membership**  
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**June 2025**

**Jim and Donna Hollatz, DNR and State**

Miller Peninsula Trail Report:

We are working hard to get some trail work done in May and June, so we have time to actually ride our horses the rest of the summer! It feels really good when we have enough workers to be able to accomplish our goal and see a significant difference at the end of our 5-hour day.

May 13th: A trail crew of 5 worked on the section of Cable Trail between Aerospace Industries and Belly Deep. Rick King and Jack Bochsler manned chainsaws to remove dead trees and those encroaching on the trail edges. Jim Hollatz used a power mulcher to attack the salal and Scotch Broom on the sides of the trail. Anne Slinn and Donna Hollatz were kept very busy "swamping" (removing the debris and tucking it into spaces off the sides of the trail).

May 24th: We had a crew of 9 members turnout. Our work plan was to continue along Cable Trail, widening the corridor, from Belly Deep to Two Cedars. Jim Hollatz and Rick King used chainsaws, Julie Poor and Kaye Bailey used power mulchers, and Teresa Crossley, Juelie Dalzell, Theresa Percy, and Donna Hollatz "swamped". There were a few places that we had missed the brush last week, so our workers spread out, working in pairs, to tackle different sections of trail. The sawyers removed dead trees (of which there were many as the trees are too close together and some die out) as those just fall across the trail during bad weather or even randomly in the summer. The power mulchers are doing a great job getting rid of salal and Scotch Broom. Picking up logs, branches, and debris after the power tool users is a big job, too. Everyone went home tired, but with a great feeling of accomplishment.

May 31st: We were fortunate to have 4 sawyers available for this work party, so we chose to tackle the W. Diamond Point Trail between where the trail enters from the parking lot, north to where Cable Trail veers off to the west. This section of trail is one of the major links to the entire trail system, and has been needing the corridor opened up for a long time. We knew it would be labor intensive because of the volume of dead and small, dying trees on both sides. Sawyers were Rick King, Dan Dosey, and Jim Hollatz, plus Tim Branham (part of the Thursday crew). Julie Poor used a battery-powered pole saw to remove overhead limbs. There were plenty of branches and log sections for swamper (Kris Lenke, Teresa Crossley, Mickey Branham (Tim's wife), and Donna Hollatz) to pick up and throw off the trail edges. We were able to finish the one-mile section of trail in just under 5 hours. Mother Nature sent a few showers to keep us from overheating, but we only ended up "damp" rather than "soaked".

June 7th: There has long been a "mudhole" in the middle of W. Diamond Point Trail where hikers throw sticks and logs in the winter so they won't have to step in the mud. Since we are not allowed to "dig" and create better drainage, we worked to repair this section of trail by adding gravel. The gravel was hauled on a flatbed trailer which we parked along the edge of Cat Lake Road. That allowed us to load the gravel into the motorized "tote" to move it up the trail to the muddy spot. We put down a layer of drain rock, covered it with landscaping cloth, then put a layer of 5/8" minus on top which will pack to create a solid trail and allow the water to flow through underneath. (one yard drain rock covered with one yard of gravel) More sawyer work was done along the corridor, too. Workers were Jim Hollatz, Rick King, Nancy Scott, Juelie Dalzell, and Donna Hollatz.

We have additional work parties planned for June 10, 21, and 24.

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

No report available. I will include this information in next month's report.

### **Rebecca Wanagel, Gray Wolf Trail Crew, ONF, ONP, Saw Program and Safety**

#### **OLYMPIC NATIONAL FOREST**

5/27:

Lower Graywolf logout to finish up logs not gotten on the last time. The two trees at the far end of the trail (crosscut) took one group 8 miles of hiking round trip to finish. Another group did chainsaw work in the non-wilderness part of the trail clearing along the top, down Cat Creek and out the bottom part of Lower Graywolf trail.

6/6:

Mt Muller and Divide trails, logout. These are on the west side of Lake Crescent. See attached report.

#### **OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK**

5/17:

Smokey Bottom trail. See attached report.

5/23-24

Overnight scout of Long Ridge (Dodger Point) trail to determine exact work and plan for upcoming backcountry crew. We were stopped by snow 400 feet elevation below the camp area below Dodger Point, but by that point we had the information we needed for planning. To do this scout required approximately 40 miles of travel with our backpacks and a lot of elevation gain / loss in two days. We were able to do some of it on bike along the Olympic Hotsprings road and on the Whiskey Bend road to get to / from the Elwha trailhead.

6/7:

Many folks representing either the Gray Wolf Trail crew or BCHW or Thursday crew or some combination thereof, and others, attending the Volunteer Day given by ONP on their headquarter compound. Information about volunteering on trails, volunteer uniforms and safety was presented.

#### **SAW PROGRAM**

Nothing new this month.

#### **SAFETY**

Nothing new this month.

***Please remember the Gray Wolf Trail Crew and BCHW-Peninsula have a solid partnership. Anyone can sign up for a work crew.***

***Gray Wolf Trail Crew website:  
[www.graywolftrailcrew.org](http://www.graywolftrailcrew.org)***