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Last week, the trail crew removed 20 logs along 11 miles of loop hikes near the recently opened Larch Mountain Picnic Site

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIELD

RECREATION UPDATES

As summer heat sets in, USFS Field Rangers have been engaging directly with our communities. At the annual **STEM Fair** in downtown Hood River, rangers inspired locals to become **Incident Commanders** of Wildland Fire. Visitors learned about the multitude of considerations the Forest Service applies to fire management.

With the eastern Gorge beginning to dry out, trails in the west Gorge are getting busier. **Cape Horn**, **Bonneville**, and **St. Cloud trails** still host blooming flowers. Meanwhile, the trail crew sighted a **black bear** while clearing loop hikes near **Larch Mountain Picnic Site** for the first time since Eagle Creek Fire.

CAPE HORN TRAIL STATUS

Know Before You Go

Annual peregrine falcon closure is in effect for lower portion of trail February 1 to July 15. Take the trail 2 miles to access the Nancy Russell Cape Horn Overlook. Look for waterfalls, wildflowers and many species of birds.



WILDLAND FIRE GUARD SCHOOL

35+ Training Attendees

With fire season fast approaching, the Forest Service and partners hosted the annual "Guard School" wildland firefighting training on Mt. Hood National Forest. Prospective firefighters attended a week-long training on weather and fire behavior, fire tactics and management, and safety protocols.

The week concluded with a live fire exercise and a score of new firefighting graduates!





Sustainable Trail

CO-VISIONING

What makes a trail network **sustainable**? How can these key elements be incorporated into future planning efforts for the Columbia River Gorge's world-class trails? These are among the questions that drove the National Scenic Area to launch a **cooperative visioning** effort with partners. We want to share what we heard with the public, to build a shared understanding and common vision of a socially, ecologically, and economically sustainable trail system in the Gorge. **All are welcome** to attend a **public meeting** to share insights from a **partner questionnaire** on topics including trail placement and management, protecting ecologically sensitive areas, and meeting visitor needs and preferences.

USFS Columbia River Gorge Sustainable Trails Co-Visioning Event

Date: Thursday, June 27 | 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cascade Locks Marine Park Pavilion
395 SW Portage Rd, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

To learn more or RSVP for the meeting, visit:

www.fs.usda.gov/goto/crgnsa/covisioning



JOIN OUR LOCAL RIVER RANGERS AND GUIDES AT RIVERFEST!

FRIDAY | 6/28

Community Rafting Trip
Kids' Activities & BBQ
River Symposium

SATURDAY | 6/29

River Clean Up & Service Projects
Kayak Race
Float Kayak Lap on the Middle
White Salmon River

WHITE SALMON RIVER FESTIVAL

14TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Come join us at the **14th annual White Salmon River Festival** on **June 28-29!** Local boaters and community members will gather for celebration, education, river restoration, whitewater rafting and kayaking, food, and dance.

The White Salmon River is a **Wild and Scenic River** which provides invaluable social, recreational, agricultural, and economic natural resource to those who call it home. The festival reminds the community of the river's importance. All community members are welcome to participate in all events throughout the festival.

On Friday there will be family and kids activities, a BBQ, and the river symposium. The excitement continues on Saturday with a river clean-up and stewardship event in the morning and a whitewater kayaking race for advanced paddlers.

Following the whitewater race, join us for our **Stoke Float** down the White Salmon River and for kayak awards, food, and dancing at the **Logs Inn**.



Event details and registration

www.facebook.com/WhiteSalmonRiverFest